of E. J. OBADAYA, of a soa.

DAt 8, Peddars' Hill, on the 12th inst., the wife

On the 10th December, at sea, on board the steamship Namea, Captain T. G. POCOCK, aged

DEATH,

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1890.

THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE IT IS-AND HOW IT SHOULD

THE disadvantages to the Public Service of the system of "acting" appointments prevalent "throughout the various departments of the local Government have never been denied, they are too palpable to be disputed; but while the defects of the system have been freely admitted by successive Governors and Administrators nothing has ever been seriously attempted to place matters on a more satisfactory footing. A state of things exists that not altogether a credit to the administrative reformers who have at various times made a feeble pretence of bringing within reasonable limits a practice that is clearly detrimental to the efficient management of public business and has frequently become scandalous in the hands o interested wire-pullers by the introduction of nepotism and other forms of gross favoritism. The need for some arrangement to provide for this difficulty-and that it is a difficulty not easy of solution must be freely admitted-, has been daily becoming more apparent, until, as we have seen lately, a somewhat vague and indefinite resolution on the subject was actually brought forward in the Legislative. Council by Mr. WHITEHEAD, the unofficial member for the Chamber of Commerce. As this resolution, which scarcely touched the real public grievance, was practically shelved by the Acting Governor promising to forward its terms to the Secretary of State, in whose department it will be most carefully pigeon-holed, any reform likely to be accomplished must vigorously taken in hand in this colony. After some practical scheme has been devised and worked out, it will then be time enough to solicit the approval lordship's decision what are simply a few

sary reform that brooks no delay. To find out the absurd extent this appointment epidemic has reached, we have only to refer to the proceedings in the Legislative Council when the increased Military contribution was voted in spite of the opposition of all the unofficial members, by the mechanical force of the Government phalanx, paid servants of the Hongkong rate-payers who were compelled to vote against the wishes, and interests of their employers. In itself a curious anomaly, this arbitrary exercise of official coercion becomes more curious still when it is noted that five out of these six opposing officials, including his Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, hold their seats in Council and voted the other day by virtue of acting appointments. Mr. W. M. DEANE, the Acting Colonial Secretary, is Captain Superintendent of Police; Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Acting Colonial Tréasurer, is Police Magistrate, Coroner, and Superintendent of the Fire Brigade; Mr. E. J Acknown, Acting Attorney-General, is Registrar of the Supreme Court; and Mr. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES, Acting Registrar-General, is an assistant in that department. Mr. F. FLEMING, the Acting Governor, would of course under any circumstances have a seat as Colonial Secretary, but it is nevertheless true that Mr. S. Brown, the Surveyor General, is at present the only official member who is not "acting." any business-like justification can be offered for such a muddle as the foregoing statements sufficiently indicate, it would interest the tax-paying public to know

what it is,

It requires no argument to prove that acting appointments to some extent cannot be avoided in the Hongkong Government Service—the necessity is self-evident, but eall events so far as the responsible acquaintance with the Chinese dialect, appointments are concerned, doubly could competently perform the technical manned. In the Colonial Secretary's office | duties of the Surveyor-General or the there is an Assistant Colonial Secretary and Colonial Surgeon. The official record of the Registrar-General, the Surveyor the Acting Registrar-General is in itself an General, the Captain SuperIntendent of unanswerable proof of the unsatisfactory Police, the Registrar of the Supreme "pitchforking" system to which such grave Court, the Postmaster General, and the exception has been taken; but it also Harbour Masterhave all properly qualified strongly suggests that the reform indicated assistants or deputies. It may be pointed by our remarks is far from being imout that the Attorney Generalship, prior possible. He is a young officer, practically task was a comparatively easyone. The sorsail and marines, the mentucking on this scandalous treatto the arrival of Mr. Goodman, was held without business experience of any sort, by a practising barrister, an arrangement with only a few years Colonial service and encountered, that of the seven European, the victory were alike forgotten and the tendency of which can only be to number of changes in other departments; and a painful mediocrity in the matter especially as they were in positions to in our free and enlightened country, where still more unpopular, a Condon Contemporal Country, where still more unpopular, as they were in positions to line our free and enlightened country, where still more unpopular, as they were in positions to line our free and enlightened country, where still more unpopular, as they were in positions to line our free and enlightened country, where still more unpopular, as they were in positions to line our free and enlightened country, where still more unpopular, as they were in positions to line our free and enlightened country, where still more unpopular, as they were in positions to line our free and enlightened country. also that the Colonial Treasurership is of talent; and yet her has filled be cut off in detail and either killed or levery man as we are constantly being told porary says in the colonial Treasurership is of talent; and yet her has filled be cut off in detail and either killed or levery man as we are constantly being told porary says in the colonial Treasurership is of talent; and yet her has filled be cut off in detail and either killed or levery man as we are constantly being told porary says in the colonial Treasurership is of talent; and yet her has filled be cut off in detail and either killed or levery man as we are constantly being told porary says in the colonial Treasurership is of talent; and yet her has filled be cut off in detail and either killed or levery man as we are constantly being told porary says in the colonial treasurership is of talent; and yet her has filled be cut off in detail and either killed or levery man as we have a levery man as well as the colonial treasurership is of talent; and the colonial treasurership is almost a complete sinecure, which ought the offices respectively, and so far as almost a complete sinecure, which ought to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be praised to the men whose content of socidently and the bullet to be should be should

and distinct department to accommodate the views of the late Mr. ALFRED LISTER, a hard-working and ubiquitous officer who exercised a careful and searching semiofficial supervision over every department to his wilfully blind confidence in BARRADAS. Kowloon fanian hell led to the disgraceful disclosures in connection with the Money Order Office.

The Hon, Mr. WHITEHEAD's proposed remedy for existing defects is to introduce a rule prohibiting, unless under very exceptional circumstances, the occupants of certain stated offices from holding any appointments, either, acting or permanent, outside their own departments; but as the proposal leaves a loop hole by which its miles of Hongkong and in what may be the Namon was not accomplished without intended effects could be evaded at will, fairly described as a main thoroughfare bloodshed. When the pirates first rushed, pean of battle and triumph with which temptuously on the survivors of those who shed and is so restricted as to barely touch the for the immense shipping traffic between on deck they would appear to have ALFRED TENNYSON, then a Son of the their blood to keep his soul and body together, actual grievance, it is quite insufficient to this port and the North, is a rude awaken; commenced indiscriminately firing their People; and not a slave to a hollow and when they even venture to ask the use of effect the desired reform. The officers ing from the false security in which local revolvers in all directions—a common proposed to be placed under the ban of shipping companies and the travelling custom with Chinese who are unused to ostracism so far as outside promotion, public have been peacefully slumbering foreign fire-arms—, and on one of the acting appointments, and their attendant for the past five years—since the sen- Malay, quarter-masters showing fight, honours and emoluments are concerned, sational looting of the Greyhound on the he was at once shot down and thrown are the Registrar, Deputy Registrars, and high seas in the vicinity of St. John's overboard, two or three others of the crew powers of the several ardent departmental. Interpreters of the Supreme Court, the island on October 17th, 1885. There have receiving more or less serious wounds. Police Magistrates and their chief clerk, on two or three occasions during recent One of the saloon passengers, Mr. the Land Officer, and the Clerk of Councils | years been more or less well authenticated | PETERSEN, light-house keeper at the and Chief Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's | rumours of contemplated piracies on board | Lammocks, happened to be on deck aft Office. The two offices last named have | foreign vessels, but fore-warned is fore- when the rush was made for the saloon, generally been held by the same person, armed, and the precautions taken in the and although he is said to have offered no and with the exception of the Police cases referred to averted the threatened resistance he was wantonly shot down, Magistrates and the Registrar of the dangers. In one particular instance in and Captain Pocock shared the same fate the Light Brigade." Why even now, after the front of battle there is always the Supreme Court, the other appoint which, if we mistake not, one of Messrs, laster leaving the saloon to go on deck at a lapse of nearly forty-years, the poet's work-house to go to, whilst the royal ments have been and could hardly be APCAR & Co.'s Calcutta steamers was the request of the pirates, who had otherwise than of a permanent character. reported to be marked out as a sit subject promised that no violence would be used stirring the British heart in every part of the rear obtains a Field Marshal's baton The Chamber of Commerce delegate for looting on her voyage between here if no further resistance were offered, the world; we are indeed proud, and as and is nursed in the lap of luxury for the would appear to have exercised the and Singapore, it was pretty clearly shown The rest of the officers and crew were Britons justly proud of that death-ride of remainder of his days, at the public utmost care in trying to avoid injury to that the danger was a stern reality and confined in the Captain's room on deck. our countrymen, which as an instance of expense. And yet some people wonder the tender susceptibilities of the holders of that only the preparations made to effect- with an armed guard outside the door, and combined valour and discipline has scarcely how a British Revolution can ever be any important acting appointments, whose | ually cope with any such trouble saved | all opposition being quashed, the ship was | a parallel in the history of nations. And | unnecessary translation from their own the ship, crew, and passengers from looted of everything portable of any value. how did Great Britain reward her heroic proper spheres of duty, by upsetting and probably a worse fate than that of the According to report, money alone sons, all that was left of them, left of mixing up the arrangements in half a Spark, Greyhound or Namoa. However, it aggregating over \$20,000 was taken from Six Hundred," when the hour of victory dozen different offices, forms the grievance was perhaps not altogether unreasonable the Chinese passengers. About 7 o'clock with all its frothy enthusiasm had passed to which the community for years past have objected. If the interests of individuals are to be specially studied and peace and good order, to believe brought to an anchor off Mendoza island, been torn in shreds and flung in England's the principle at issue conveniently ignored, it will be much better to leave matters as they are until some reformer comes to the passenger trade throughout the China quickly transferred to these native craft, their ruined and broken lives? No! by front who does not believe in half-measures and whose policy is not directed by mere personal influences. Whether it was the existence of any real danger has for boiler, the pirates quietly took their days of their adversity and old age to find advisable in the past to remove Mr. of Lord Knutsford, but to submit to his Acknown from his position as Registrar of the Supreme Court to act first as Attorney In suggesting this we do not refer in bringing the Names back to Hongkong, all military authorities to have been the crude suggestions is merely playing with General and afterwards as Puisne Judge particularly to the Namoa, but to vessels where she safely arrived early on most severe ordeal the modern soldier has a question of considerable importance, may be a fit subject for diversity of opinion, wasting time, and keeping back a neces- but at the present time it should not be lost the Canton river steamers, on which after. This is merely an old story re-told. patience, the loyal courage that never sight of, that by taking up Mr. Goodman's the Spark tragedy, special provisions were With one or two slight differences in failed however sorely tried, the unshrinking duties, no material or inconvenient changes were caused either in his own or any other department. Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD, in addition to his own work as Land Officer, took over that of the Registrar, and no other change was necessary. On the other hand the departure of the Governor necessitated, or if it did not necessitate it led to a four-fold change-Mr. FLENING moved from his own office to Government House, Captain Drang left the Central Police Station to assume the post of Colonial Secretary, Major-General Gordon of Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghal, and could form a combination against any and wretchedly equipped British Army, was transferred to the command of the Police, and was in turn succeeded as Superintendent of Victoria Gaol by Major DEMPSTER. Cannot Mr. WHITEHEAD see that the gist of the evil is in this last quoted example, and that the only practical solution of the difficulty is in some plan that will obviate one necessary change in a department being made the excuse for changes "all round the clock?" "Hardworked officials—and they are numerous enough in the Government Service-, I require holidays and change of scene like other mortals, and the liberal allowances both as regards time and money they do receive for these and other purposes are certainly not objected to by the community; but it is not unreasonable to expect that absences from duty owing to these or other causes, such as ill'health, must not entail vexatious inconveniences in the discharge of public business. Every department in the Service, with perhaps one or two exceptions, should be quite independent, and capable under any ordinary circumstances of guaranteeing efficient working without outside assistance; what has been done during the absence of the Registrar-General is equally practicable in the other departments. And speaking generally, it the danger that is never far distant and does not by any means follow that the proportion of these appointments necessary Registrar of the Supreme Court should be against. is indefensible. The assumption is a safe a capable Judge or Attorney-General, a The policy of the Chinese rovers is as by the heroic Nelson from his flagship. Sebastopol. Not a single officer of the one, and it ought to be [if, it is not, that | Superintendent of Police an efficient simple as their modus operand. Their | Victory on that historic morning when Headquarters Staff, or one who had fought the executive staff of every department of Colonial Secretary, a Police Magistrate a the local Government is thoroughly efficient | reliable Treasurer, or a Prison Superintenand complete in itself, and quite competent | dent an expert. Chief of Police, any under any and all circumstances to more than it would follow that perform its regular duties without present Acting Registrar-General, whose extraneous assistance. Almost every special if not only forte is said. important department in the Service is, at to be a more or less familiar

General, and member of the Sanitary gers and when once out to sea, at a given becomes a generally recognised fact that arrangements, divided themselves into four have not been established specially to pro- bridge, the engine-room, the forward in the Government Service-excepting his vide "soft" billets for any particular class, deck, and the saloon. The suddenness own, and neglect in that direction added but that the Government and the community the attack put effective resistance out expect their servants to fit what the question, and in a few minutes cost the tax-payers over \$60,000 when the ever positions they may be required to pirates had, obtained possession of last named gentleman's enterprising serve in the matters we have been discuss- ship, and taken charge at the helm. That will only be, however, when the programme to shed blood unnecessarily Hongkong rate-payers insist on having but it is quite certain that no scruples i more than a nominal share in the management of their own affairs.

> PIRACY IN THE CHINA SEA. and a neglect of even ordinary supervision. their day's work. No time was then lost generally engaged in this traffic, excepting Thursday morning

and are still rigidly carried out. are sure to be found; and whether in the murderous ruffian in the world. Every means limited, has told us the same pirates to stern and relentless justice. gruesome tale, and yet, while knowing the truth, we have blindly ignored it and made no altempt to be ready to meet and crush is always to be dreaded and guarded

safely secured with but a minimum of risk i by lying and shameless politicians and their

Board and Legislative Council. When it signal and in accordance with previous lucrative official appointments in this colony parties and made separate attacks on the failure to "break the bank" at the ing will have reached their proper level bably it was no pre-arranged part of the that direction were to be allowed to inte fere with the accomplishment of their an instructive lesson which modern wouldoriginal purpose. It may safely believed that every soul on board would have been massacred, and the steamer run ashore and burned or broken up, had The daring piratical seizure of the Douglas | such a course been necessary: "Himbily Company's steamer Namoa, within fifty it was not; but unhappily the seizure of the Light Brigade; gallant Six Hundred," for ship-owners and their captains, the steamer, which had been judiclously away and the Black Sea treaty, which added after such a lengthy interval of steered out to sea for several hours, was so much to the roll of human suffering had that the once thoroughly recognised where four junks were in waiting as part | face | By honours, titles, dignities, perils associated with the Chinese of the arrangement. The plunder was adequate provision for the remainder of Sea had passed away, and it is and after compelling the fire-men to draw none of these; generous England provided more than likely that this utter disbelief of the fires and blow off steam from the for her heroes by allowing them in the some time, past caused over-confidence departure, doubtless well satisfied with refuge in the work-house.

> devised for protection from Chinese pirates, I detail it is precisely what took place on I fidelity to duty, and the indomitable board the Greyhound in 1885 and the Spark | energy and perseverance displayed in The great mistake that seems to have in 1874, and it is what might easily | the extraordinary labours of the most been made was in wrongly estimating the happen to-morrow on almost any arduous description which had to be character of that semi-savage, the Chinese | steamer trading along the Chinese coast. | accomplished under exceptional difficulties, pirate, wrecker, smugglers or whatever | Something effectual must be done, and that | may, possibly have been equalled by we can see its beneficial effects in the to carry fire-arms when on watch, and that, throughout long, dreary months policy of those murderous rovers of more than likely, had the officers and crew | against overwhelming odds. It is one of the sea who have from time immemorial of the Namoa been armed and prepared these fights, INKERMAN, "the soldiers' proved such a curse and drawback to for an attack, or even had an opportunity battle," that is our excuse for this article. to the most southern limits of the Tonquin | tickets at the 'office, and until they and | years. WArrangements were accordingly the Name tragedy places beyond dispute. bound coast, and their number is by no unturned to bring this dangerous horde of were officially ignored, although

as an excellent example of the ordinary | bay of Trafalgar; and after the united | that "the veterans seemed to feel this plan of campaign. Assisted by a spy fleets of France and Spain what been ineglect very keenly, especially as the system that would do credit to a high-class | hopelessly crushed and shattered by the guard told off for duty was on parade, ture was announced and the pirates them with lavish profuseness; but the childhof a grateful country.

tolerated by a powerful and increasing democracy that is beginning to feel its own strength we are not in a position to say with any approach to reliability; but the day cannot be very far distant, and it undoubtedly is being hastened by the incomprehensible and heartless stupidity of that favored class to whom the new era of events that are sure to come will inevitably bring complete annihilation as a power in the land. pitiable spectacle of Neko fiddling in gorgeous palace whilst imperial Rome was in the throe's of destruction, conveys be imitators of that once living monument of old time folly might with great advan-

study and carefully take to heart. is the summing up of that deathless title and a meretricious dignity, trumpet. their old barracks for an anniversary celebration, tongued, electrified the world almost as he shuts the door in their face." much as that wild charge through the bravest on what was a hopeless, useless, their country's expectations are shameand inexcusable sacrifice of human life, fully neglected and relegated to the workplanned a campaign or led a forlorn hope. | impartiality in the treatment of her soldiers. pregnant, words, possess a power in warrior who sits down and blubbers in

The Crimean campaign is admitted by ever had to face. The self-denying name suits him best. The march of at once, to remove this standing danger other troops, but they have never been progress and civilisation may have been and to prevent its recurrence. Stricter excelled; and it must not be forgotten extensive and wide-spread throughout the discipline should be enforced on board how the Commissariat arrangements length and breadth of the Middle Kingdom; | ship, all officers and, engineers compelled | disgracefully broke down with the result prosperous Chinese trading communities | arrangements made by which the officers | of show and ice, the half-clad, half-starved. other Treaty Ports; but it has not attack of this kind. It is the attack in although fearfully decimated by disease, appreciably affected the Ishmaelitish detail which always proves fatal. It is fought and conquered time after time China's social progress. The piratical of rallying and combining been possible. The battle of Inkerman was fought on the traditions of thousands of years are that the Chinese pirates would have failed 5th November, 1854, and a few weeks not to be so easily wiped out, either by in their attempt; they succeeded by ago a hundred old soldiers, the remnant foreign influence or the lukewarm repres- | surprising | the officers at a time and of the brigade of Guards who were in the sive measures of the Peking Government, | under circumstances when resistance was | thick of that day of carnage, thought that The ancient profession of Chinese pirate impossible. But the greatest safe guard the thirty-sixth anniversary of the great is by no means obsolete, but, on the con- can be arranged on shore. No Chinese, event of their lives would be a fitting. trary, flourishes apace along the entire passengers should be allowed on board occasion for old friends and comrades to coast, from Newchwang in the far north | ship unless they have obtained passage | meet together after the lapse of so many Gulf. Where the carcase is, the vultures | their baggage have been carefully | made that the hundred survivors should searched. The difficulty of maintaining strict | parade at Wellington! Barracks, and the guise of sailors, harmless traders, or hardy | discipline over several hundreds of Chinese, | Duke of CAMBRIDGE who held a command fishermen, the Chinese sea-farer, when who are allowed to swarm all over the in the Guards at INKERMAN, was invited to ever the opportunity renders it profitable, decks of a vessel, is obvious, and that be present. The noble "Dook" had a is quickly transformed into the full-blown | some better arrangement than at present | prior engagement, and; when the little pirate, and the most unscrupulous and exists must be insisted on by the Government band of veterans assembled at the gates of the Barracks at the appointed ship that has been lost on China's rock. And meanwhile no estone must be left hour, they were refused admission. They stated that among the hundred were two Victoria Cross heroes, several who work the medal for distinguished service. In the field, while nearly all had the four clasps that told of their presence in the battles of "England expects every man to do his' the Alma, Balaclava, and Inkerman, and with the desire of the Agent in stating that no duty" were the memorable words signalled of long service in the trenches before object is always plunder, and this latest the naval supremacy of Great Britain was with them in the Crimea, appeared to outrage on board the Namoa may be taken | established in sight of the world in the hollee their presence, and we are told police organisation, the leaders are fiery onslaught of the famed wooden, the barrack-square, bearing the Queen's Informed that a number of Chinese had walls," England confessed that every man and regimental a colours which were returned from the United States and else had done his duty. And England to her bedecked in honour of the day with the where with considerable sums of money | eternal disgrace, at the termination of the ladyels these men had helped to win at as the results of years of toll, and would war, with stony indifference left her naval Ingranan." Neglected with contumely shortly leave Hongkong for their native heroes, the men who had so nobly done the old warriors quietly followed the towns in the Swatow district, and it was | their duty and saved the country, to starve | guard to St. James's Palace, uncovered accordingly decided to make a bold bid or eke out a miserable existence the best, their grey heads, and "in voices that for such a valuable prize. The returned way they could. The high officers of the quavered a little" cheered the old colours emigrants took passage by the Names, Fleet were, of course, not forgotten, and once more. And then they went home the day and hour of the vessel's depar- [honors and rewards were showered on kidpubliess paralysed with joy at the appro-

only serious resistance likely to be fesolute bravery against fearful odds won ment of these relics, of a gallant Brigade, which worked well and prevented a noteworthy only for a wretched memory officers, could reasily is be a overcome, neglected. And it always has been like this disgust our soldiers and to make the Army

sea. Historians have dure the officers justice. but as for the men themselves - who so poor as do them reverence now? They arganised a little memorial dinner among themselves the other day and invited the Duke of Cambridge to attend. The Duke pleads "a prior engagement." Can anything be menner? The Guards who fought the hand-to-hand fight round the Sandbag Battery fought with savage freezy. It was a soldiers' ball. for the officers were either killed or paralysed with fear ht the builthery they had let loose. But if these men tore at their enemies like wild beauts, is that any reason why one of their officers—the Dake of Cambridge-should give them, the cold shoulder? He sat among them at the crisis of the fight and blubbered like a baby because of the horro's that he witnessed around him. It was 'his last 'ap e raice on a field of battle. Well, we do not deny that the scene round the Sandbag Battery, after the wild tage to their own future welfare earnestly beast in our Guardsmen was let loose, was horrible. But to the letting loose of it the Duke When shall their glory fade? Honour of Cambridge owes his subsequently luxurious life, and the country, its rooted determination never again to expose his prominent paunch to the bayonet of an enemy. Yet he frowns con-

"England expects every man to do his "valley of death" of Britain's best and duty;" and the men who nobly answer stupified the army of military critics house. Field Marshal the Dake of "C'est magnifique mais n'est pas la guerre," CAMBRIDGE," whose warlike idea of an was the significant comment of the French officer's duty on the battle-field was to Commander-in-Chief, and no more dating | "sit blubbering like a baby at the crisis of soldier than Marshal Perissier ever the fight," is a living example of Britain's "When shall their glory fade? Honour To the brave man who loses a limb in

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A LARGE fire has occurred at Yokosuka. a Japanese Naval Station, nearly destroying the

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Dec. 14th, are: -Europeans 172, and Chinese 1,744.

H.I.G.M.'s gunhoat Illis, Capt Aschen, arrived at Tientsin on the 30th ultimo and took up her winter quarters at the Bund a few days later.

AT a regular meeting of the Southern Lodge. No. 264, E. C., held at the Freemason's Hall, Zetland Street, on Saturday last, Wor. Bro. G. P. Jordan was elected master of the Lodge.

THE Master of Napier, Secretary of the British Legation in Japan, and Mrs. Napier were amongst the passengers who arrived here on the 10th inst. by the O. & O. steamer Oceanic, en route for England.

AT the regutar meeting of the Victoria Priory the election of officers for the year 1891 resulted as follows:--.

E.P.E.....Sir Knight D. Gilles. Treasurer Sir Knight H. I. Scott. Guard.....Sir. Knight J. Maxwell

AT the Police Court on the 15th inst. Tsang Li was brought before Mr. Wedchouse, charged with the murder of one Tshing Kum Hi-a fellow lodger. Evidence was adduced tending to prove that the murder was committed by prisoner, with an axe in Tak Sin Lane on the 27th ult. Trial next sessions.

His Ex. Liu Kun-yi, Governor-General of the Liang Kiang provinces, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Southern squadron of the Chinese Navy. If Liu wants to make a name for himself his chance lies in the direction of the canture, and, speedy shortening of the statues of the Namoa pirates.

WE hear that the marine officers of Hongkong are discussing the advisability of demanding an increase of pay in the early part of next year, on the grounds of the great risk to life when sailing out of Hongkong, unless some preventive measures of a thoroughly practical nature are put in force at an early date."

A post mortens examination was held on the 13th inst., on the body of the unfortunate Chinaman who was murdered at the Roman Catholic cometery on the night of the 11th inst., and revealed the fact that a piece of rag had been rammed down the deceased's throat so far as to be hidden from view, even when the mouth was opened, and had evidently been forced down with ta sticket here en a la nier as the

WE are courteously informed by the Superintendent of the P. & O, that we were in error in stating that the local office had received telegraphic advicers the remoured stranding of the Company's steamer Hongkong. That a telegram to this effect was received in the colony is certain,

"SLY " grog selling is not only far from being respectable, but it's expensive too-at least so a couple of enterprising traders in that line of business found it on the 15th inst. when Mr. Wodehouse was asked to put a price on two bottles of samsky that the accused had sold to some sailors on board the attamship Pemples. " \$24 a bottle or six, weeks jug "was his Worship's estimate of the offence, Samshu's evidently on

A CHINES women residing in the village of Maitow-seah in the vicinity of Amoy, says the Amoy Times, was murdered on the 4th inst. It seems that theunfortunate woman found a silver hair-pin such as is worn by Chinese gay ladies, and upon showing the ornament to her husband and his relatives, it became the cause of a family quarrel. The tinfortunate woman, in consequence, was strangled by her husband, with the assistance of his mother and sister, where the and had

A GRRMAN named Emil Luder was brought before Mr. Wodeliouse on the 35th inst, charged with having caused the death of a sailor named C. Andersen on the 13th inst. Evidence went to show that on the day the accident occurred the prisoner and deceased were comparing revolvers—they were perfectly sober and identity.

WE (Japan H)rald) learn that Mr. Masuda Mankichi, the well-known diver, in concert with Mr. Omatsu Fujiemon, a well-to-do merchant of Kobe, intendraising the wreck of the Turkish frigate Ertougroul, permission having been given them to do so by the Mercantile Marine | cost for a cool and quickly healing salve. Bureau of Tokio."

We hear on reliable authority that a boxing tournament is to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on the 23rd and 24th inst. There are two classes arranged for, light and heavy weights. jost, 5lbs, being the maximum for lights, and heavies anything over that. Good fun is anticipated.

WE hear that the wounded officers and men of the steamship Namoa, who were taken to the Civil Hospital on Thursday last, and whose condition was of so serious a nature as to necessitate the taking down of their depositions by Mr. Wodehouse vesterday, are to-day (15th inst.) so much better that hopes of their ultimate recovery are by no means despaired of.. Detective Inspector Quincey returned from Macao this afternoon, but from what we can gather his visit has resulted in mil.

To show to what depth of contempt Punjoms and Jelebus have fallen in the estimation of that occurred on the 10th inst. on board the there is any responsible person at present in other quite dead. He was most cruelly treated Namoa, when that ill-fated ship was in the charge of the China and Japan Telephone by the murderers. He was not only gagged, hands of the pirates. Whilst ransacking a cabin | Company's exchange in Hongkong. Now in the | but had his eyes and throat bound round with occupied by one of the officers, the marauders ordinary course of things we would most startedly his own queue. The living man was taken to came across two piles of scrip of the above companies, and when the documents were explained to the Chief, he, with a characteristic piratical sneer, replied " Pat yew, ye kung yau!

THE troop-ship Himalaya, which was to have left England, on the roth instant, will have 200 men for the A. & S. Highlanders and 15 for the Royal Artillery, and other details. A draft of 200 time-expired men from the 91st in addition to invalids, also No. 10 battery of the Southern Division of the Royal Artillery, and the 9th Company of the Royal Engineers will return thome by the troop-ship, being relieved by the 38th battery Southern Division of Royal Artillery and the 25th Company Royal Engineers.

THE Choya Shimbun, one of the leading Tokyo papers, is said to have been sold to the independent members of the Diet for \$20 000 or \$25,000, to be converted into an organ of the party. The paper will be made into a company with a capital of \$50,000, divided into shares of \$500 each. The shares are to be held by members paying the highest amount of taxes, and members of the Daiseikai, as well as in the name of the new writers who will be engaged, while the services of the present writers will be dispensed with,

FROM inquiries made on the 16th inst, we learn that the Authorities are despatching the Firebrand and the Linnel in search of the Namoa pirates. It is rumoured that reliable information is to. hand and that the course of the gun-boats will | be towards the south. The Authorities are naturally reticent as to the actual nature of the clue but it is he hoped that this cruise will lead to material results. The gun-boats left at 4 p.m. and are accompanied by some members of the local police force—a detective and some Chinese constables.

WE regret to state the rumour which was current in town on the 12th list, about the capture of some of the Namoa pirates was without much foundation. The men who were arrested on board the Klang-kwan and Fatshan' are said to be an organised band of robbers who have been "shadowed" in Hongkong by detectives from Canton for some time. It is supposed | did not break its neck, and last season it started that they were on their way to pay a visit to | in eleven races and won them all, and now every one of the numerous villages which lie around Canton. It is to be hoped their journey will now be diverted, via the "vottery yard."

A CHINAMAN named Yun Hon, who a few days age had a quarrel with a fellow coolie over a woman with whom they had both fallen in love, reported in our columns within the past was shot by his rival about noon on the 11th inst., at No. 8, Yum On Lane. The murderer, accompanied by two friends came into deceased's room down by his rival. Five or six shots were fired pened thus:-At twenty minutes to two o'clock | that is principle, as being a benefit to trade, and and as soon as he presented himself was shot into the body, but when the affair was discovered some little time afterwards, the man was still. alive and was sent to the hospital expireing on the way. The police are making every effort to get the murderer.

A CONCERT was held at the Sailors and Soldiers' Institute on the 11th inst. and proved a most | Emil Eluders, one of the bystanders, grasped gratifying success to all those concerned and a revolver which one of the men had to the audience in particular. The entertainment in his pocket. The revolver was a new was given by the members of the I.O.G.T. one and owing to not being oiled was difficult and commenced at 7.45 p.m. with the Revd Mr. Goldsmith in the chair. Hymns, solos, and addresses made up the chief items on the programme. 'A most enjoyable evening was spent, and even if the promoters had no other satisfaction than that of knowing that they had kept many worthy "Tars" and "Tommles' amused for an hour or so, they will be fully recompensed. ...

WE would direct the attention of our thoughtful readers to that excerpt from the Bangkok Times' which we publish in another column, anent the late "Conspiracy case." It has been remarked that neither of the other 'two local papers have reproduced any of the many comments that have been made on this now notorious case by the press of the East, but then it must be remembered that both of these emasculated "rags" have for many years past been treated with such an amount of contempt by us that they are excused from appearing upon the scene at this particular moment. That "Granny" and our other contemptible contemporary are both useful for a certain domestic purpose is undeniable, but outside that sphere, they are unknown quantities,

TSANG Yan on remand, was up before Mr. Wodehouse at the Police Court this meming (15th inst.) charged with having brutally ill-treated his wife at Yau-ma-ti on the 5th inst. The first hearing of the case was reported before, but additional particulars were elicited to-day. It appears that he bound the feet and hands of the unfortunate woman with a rope, and then hoisted her! to's ladder with her head hanging down. Then lighting a bundle of " Joss " sticks he proceeded. to apply them to the most delicate portions of her anatomy. Her mother-in-law and other relatives were present, and the purifying process was conducted with their full sanction. His Worshipdelivered along lecture and six month's imprisonment, but both of these added together are not a third of the rullians descrits.

THE regular monthly meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, S.C., was held in the Masonli Hall, Zelland Street, on the 11th inst. for the purpose of cinstalling the R. W. Master: Bro. V. M. Langer There was a good attendance. and the excellent banquet which was provided had ample justice done to it. The following officers were invested :--

W. Kinghorn 8.W. F. Watts.....Treasurer. J. StephenSocietary. HallOrganist. Napier......D. of C. S. SielnfieldInner Gaard. J. Maxwall

were the words which sent a cold shiver through an ear-ring anatcherat the Police Courton ther 2th | Shanghai on the 26th witimo, inst. when Mr. Wodehouse sat in judgment. The spoil was only worth \$9, just half what it will

MR. Enslie, who was officiating Consul at Yokohams, during the absence on leave of Mr. Troup, left on the 28th ulto, for Kobe, to resume his duties at that port. "Mr. Enslie was much and deservedly liked in Vokohama, both officially and socially, and he carried away with him the hest wishes of all who had the pleasure and honour of knowing him.

THE Chinesi Times thus :- "The ten Representatives of the Treaty Powers in Peking have met lately, at differenttimes, in conferences. Yesterday (Thursday) they were again discussing, as has been said, the old likin question, drawback-certificates and other anti-treaty antiquities," We have a shrewed suspicion that the subject of the Conferences was the change in the status que of Korea caused by the reception of the Chinese Imperial Commissioners at the Court of Seoul (Korea) with full Suzerain honours; the King kowtowing before the representatives of the Emperor of China.

have referred "A Disgusted Subscriber" to the office of the company in question, but as our own experience of the manner in which business is conducted there has been anything but satisfactory, we have no hesitation whatever in giving expression to a complaint that is only too well gounded. The sooner the Arent (if there really is such an individual) realizes that when the public make complaints they expect there to be attended to, the better it will be for the Telephone Company.

On the 6th inst., says the Nagasaki Express. the Dal Ichi Sasebo, a new steel gun-boat for the Sasebo Naval Sation, was successfully lunched from the Mitsu Bishi Shipbuilding yard at Tategami, the christening ceremony being performed by Admiral Taubol, I.J.N., representing the Naval Department. There were also present, the Admiral's staff, Captain Ogata, I.J.N., and Mr. K. Yamagata, naval engineer; Messra. M. Yamawaki (director), J. F. Calder (manager) R. Midzulani (engineer), J. G. Reid (ship-constructor), and others; and a large number of native and foreign visitors. At the appointed hour, Admiral Tsubol was escorted to the platform under the vessel's bow, where he made a short speech, after which the signal was given, and the vessel being released, she glided gracefully into the water, amidst the cheers of the specta-

THE faithful horse, regarded as an investment is one of the most precarious animals on earth Some time ago a New Zealand sport bought an expensive yearling, out of Florence M'Carthy. and just as he began to congratulate himself on the prospective value of the animal, his purchase fell over a precipice and broke its neck. Then he bought the next yearling out of the same mare, and this costly animal turned a somersault in the piddock and broke its hark. After this the speculator grew tired, and concluded that the particular family of horses in question was too much given to calisthenics to be profitable, so he looked on while his particular enemy purchased the next colt which came into the market, and smiled a cynical smile aske thought of the consequences. Only the third animal time he sees it the maddened speculator opens his mouth wide, and lets his impressions explode.

IT'S a true saying that "it never rains but it pours." No less than six murden (including those on the Namoa) have been sixty hours, and now we have to chronicle another shocking affair. On this occasion the scene was a boarding-house, known as Petersen's, in Queens Road West, It hapthis afternoon (13th inst.) C. J. Andersen, a German seaman, who had signed articles to sail on board the ship. Christina Nielsen. was standing on the ground floor of Petersen's boarding-house talking to a group of his countrymen, two of whom had recently Information before them are unable to express purchased revolvers and armmunition, when to work. However, Eluders tried to open the clamber and in doing so the weapon went off, the ball lodging in Andersen's right side, who was about two yards off. Eludess, who is an engineer, said he did not know the revolver was loaded and, from all we can gather, his statement appears to be correct. The wounded man was at once removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he is sinking fast. A magistrate repaired to the Hospital this afternoon to take down the depositions of the wounded man. The revolver with, which Andersen was shot is of a very large size and cirries a bullet about the size of Winchester

MESSIS, WHEELOCK & Co.'s Freight Market Report dated Shanghal, December 12th, 1890, says :- The past fortnigh has brought forth no new leatures in our freight market rates both for London and New York remaining steady at quotations, Coastwise. From Wuhu to Whampon.—Demand apparently is satisfied for the mesent as we hear of no enquiries outside the Yeslar liners. " From Nagasarito Shanghai. Racs have slightly declined but there are still enquiries for tonnage of suitable aixe. For London, vid usual ports of call and Suez Canal; -With the exception of the Mails the O. S. S. Co. steamship Achilles adventised to sall to-monow is the only steamer on the berth. The P. & O. extra boat Shanghal due to-day is circulated for despatch on the pist linstant. cargo being quoted at 35%, per ton, For New York, vid usual ports of call and Suez Canal 1-The Shire line s.s. Glamorgenthire sailed hence on the roth instant taking all the carge she required at 40s, per ton for Tes and Braid, and its, for general. The next boat to take the berth is the Union line Yorkshire due to-day and the will meet with quick despatch as al her avhilable space is already sugaged; | Via the Cape:-The American ship Annie H. Smith baying secured a full cargo will sail, for New York direct about 14th instant. Departures for Louden via Suczi-On 30th ultime, O. S. S. Co. s.s. Tilan via Swatow: on 25d instant Shire Line s.s. Monmouthshire via Foothow; on 6th instant Glen Line s.s. Glengarry via Swatow; on 7th Instant O. S. S. Co. a.s. Hector via Foor chow, Departure for New York via Canal:-The Shire Line s.s. Glamoreanshire via Fochow on 10th instant. Quotations are:-With to Whampon, 14 candariens per picul, nominal/ Shanghai to Whampos 12 candarcens perpicul, nominal. Nagazaki to Shanghai, \$1.40 perion of coal nett, for both steamers and sailing vesicle: Settlements during the fortnight :-Viadivestech, Russian steamer, 578 tons register, Narasaki to Shanghai, \$1.50 per ton, coal, mett.

B. Henricksen, Norwegian sleamer, 444 tons

register, for 3 months at \$2,050. There are no

dispresed vessels in post.

"NINE months' hard, and 25 acress the breech." MONSIEUR IE VISCOUNT DE BEZAURE, French Consul at Tientsin, arrived at his post from

> Vive le Sport! Rumour tells of a Western enthusiast who recently gave a £50 trophy for a point-te-point steeplechass. Five entries being received, the trophy-donor entered five more. and won the prize " like a fine old sporting gentleman, one of the olden time." There another story that we wot of, which would lie parallel to the foregoing beautifully-but as we like Sir "Jaw Bone" intend one day writing our "Colonial Experiences" (including Hongkong) we will not anticipate the day by giving it in -with the current 25 cents' worth.

THERE'S murder in the very atmosphere just now and we are sick of it. but still we have another to chronicle and it is as barbarous as any that could be conceived in hell itself. A gang of ruffians entered the house of the keeper of the R.C. Cemetery at Happy Valley on the night of the 11th inst. and after gagging the two inmates proceeded to loot the house. They took the keeper's clothing, and \$11.50 in cash which they found, and then decemped. At an early hour the following morning a Chinaman who went to the lodge in connection with the burial of a friend, found the two men,-one gagged A CORRESPONDENT writes to us to inquire if and in a state of semi-conciousness and the favorably. We may conclude with the usua sentence that, the police are on the track.

> THE Bangkok Times of the 20th altimo, in commenting upon the result of the late "Conspiracy case," says :-- We received late yesterday (28th) afternoon Hongkong papers with the account of the trial of Mr. Robert Fraser-Smith and Mr Ward for alleged conspiracy, which arose out a a recent public exposure and a presecution, and it is with deep regret we learn that upon a slender majority of four against three, the Judge passed a sentence of six months imprisonment with hard labor. We have not time to go through the evidence to see, how this verdict consistent with the testimony and character of the witnesses, but in the face of the facts that the scale lurned upon the verdict of one, and had that one been on the other side, the defendants would have been set at liberty, we think the sentence an extremely harsh and brutal one. Under any circumstances simple imprisonment is the most that should have been inflicted. And considering the climate, the calling and position of the defendants and the suspense and anxiety that they have already undergone, one month's simple imprisonment would have been a very severe sentence. To, for one moment, have entertained the thought that the defendants wilfully got up the charge, is so utterly absurd, and so utterly outside the pale of belief, that we consider this a case in which the Governor should at once exercise his prerogative and shorten or entirely remit the punishment. On whatever grounds the four larymen may have based their decision. (and English juries are proverbially stupid), there cannot be a doubt but that the prosecution of the man Minhingett was undertaken bond fide. and for the public good. The charge was brought in the interests of society and of public justice, and therefore the two defendants have our full sympathy.

THE following letter, which has been sent to us for rublication, was addressed to the Colonial Secretary (Mr. W. M. Denne) by the Secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce :-HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

SIR-I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed communications of 10th November and 11th December having reference

Hongkong, December 13th, 1890. te a suggested reduction in postal rates, and requesting that His Excellency the officer administering the Government might be furnished with the views of the Committee of this Chamber

with regard to the proposed change. My Committee desire me to state with reference to the contemplated diminution of rates of postage by the mails between this and Europe doing away with the existing anomaly of heavier rates of postage being charged by the English mails than those of other countries, the alterntion is one that commends itself for adoption. At the same time my committee with the meagre an opinion upon the policy of the change as it will affect the finances of the Colons The Colony's Postal Establishment appears to leaves small profit while the calculations sub mitted as the result of the contemplated reduction of postage would probably sween away the profit and result in loss to this branch of public revenue. Again the payments with which this particular item of Postal Revenue is saddled, say "Contribution towards P. & O. Subsidy " and " share of other Countries " would seem to show that the Colony is already more heavily burdened than it should be for the pecuniary banefits derived from these particular mails. It also strikes my Committee that some rectification should take place in the payments as sisted in the Assistant Postmaster's Repor paragraph No. 17 which shows that each letter by English mails charged postage at the rate of 5d. per half ounce contributes from that amount 3.00% to the various Countries through which passes leaving a positive loss to thi Colony which it will have to bear, not its own mail matter only, but also for that of the Treaty Parts in China, if rates, are reduced. It seems reasonable to expect that the whole of the loss caused by the postage reduction should not attach to this colony bu that a modification of the sums paid to

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should if possible form part of the acheme when the proposed reduction is discussed. Without some reduction in the present charge, even, if it be possible only from the Imperial share, the whole onus of the centemplated reduced postage scale will fall upon this colony. The policy of other nations-who with far less trade interests in China than Great Britain and who subsidise malls to the East, appears to be to hear the entire cost of such mail communications them-

My Committee would also suggest that the face value of the present postage stamp couldas a temporary measure—be altered to accord with any unit that may be decided spon by simply printing on the stamps at present in use, in bold black figures the new value that may be

It may perhaps be worth considering whether, in the future. the denomination of the stamps for European mails should be altered, from local currency, to sterling, this iwould, in a great measure, overcome the loss or profit exchange fluctuations falling upon the Government and cause that incidence to be with those who are mainly interested. I have, etc.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on the 15th inst. There were present :--His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. F. Fleming); Mr. W. M. Deane (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. S. Brown, (Surveyor-General); Mr. E. J. Ackroyd (Acting Attorney-General); Mr. H. E. Wodehouse (Acting, Colonial Treasurer); Mr. N. G. Mitchell Innes (Acting Registrar-General), Messrs. C.P. Chater, P. Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead, Ho Kai, and J. J. Keswick, (unofficial members), and Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Acting Clerk of Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table certain despatches relative to the increased military contribution, which will be found in another column.

A COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCE.

The sum of \$2,880, as a compassionate allowance to the family of the late Mr. Alfred Lister, Portmaster-General and Acting Colonial Treasurer, which was approved by the Finance Committee last week was, upon the recommendation of his Excellency the Acting Governor; formally passed by the Council.

THE NEW UNOFFICIAL SWORN IN. His excellency announced that Her Majesty the Queen-Empress had been pleased to confirm the appointment of Mr. T. H. Whitehead as unofficial member of the Council.

Mr. Whitehead then took the oaths in the usuri: Way.

A NEW MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE. Pursuant to notice Mr. P. Ryrie asked the following question :--

small vessels carrying in outside waters large voted for these works next year. numbers ofpassengers, whether it is the intention. of the Government to apply to steam-launches and small vessels of under to tons, trading between Hongkong! and Canton and or Macao, the same rules and regulations as govern the ordinary river steamers, and if so, when ?

In reply the Acting Attorney-General said that an Ordinance amending the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance of 1879 which covered the matter, had been under consideration for some time. He was glad to say it was now practically completed, and in the course of this penditure during the current year, and now week he hoped to be able to send it to the ask you to vote the sum calculated for the exprinter. The Ordinance dealt with the matter | penditure nixth year, and as ithis ir port; was, mentioned in the question of the hon, member, placed before the Council on the 10th May and dealt with it, he hoped, in a satisfactory

A MYTHICAL FUND. Mr. T. H. Whitehead asked the following questions :- r. Will the Government lay on the table a statement showing how the Superannuation Fund, which existed in the Colony previous and up to 1857, was disposed of, what was the total amount to credit of the Fund at the time of its suppression. Why and by whose order was it put an end to, and how much of the fund was repaid to the subscribers

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied to the effect that the superannuation fund which existed in this colony previous and up to 1857 had its rise in an Imperial Act of Parliament, which was repealed by, 20 and 21 Vic., from the 30th June, 1857. In consequence of that repeal refund was made to subscribers from the 30th of June up to the time when the knowledge of that repeal arrived in the Colony. The whole matter being regulated by an Imperial Act, the pensions were paid in England, and all moneys for that purpose were paid quarterly into the Commissariat chest for remittance to England. There was therefore no such fund in existence in this colony.

THE CROWN AGENTS' ACCOUNTS. Mr. T. H. Whitehead, pursuant to notice, asked:-

Will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing the cost in Hongkong Currency Dollars of all articles, goods, and stores purchased and forwarded to Hongkong by the Crown Agents for use in connection with the various Public Wo ks during 1890, the cos Isid down here to include all commissions, ship ping and other charges? The Acting Colonial Secretary, in reply,

regretted that the Government was at the present time unable to accede to the hea. member's request which dealt with matters of current account in England, the adjustment of which could not reach, this colony until the end of February. His Excellency had, however, no objection to place at the hon, member's disposal the accounts received for the first and second quarters of this year.

TWO NEW BRITONS.

Bills for the naturalisation of Lai Siu Feng and Chol Wai, otherwise Chol Tsun, were read first time.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL LIST. The Acting Attorney-General in moving the second reading of a Bill entitled Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 11 Of 1860, for the establishment of a civil list" said the Ordinance provided that a sum of £48,200 shall be payable every year to Her Majesty out of the general revenue of the colony for the payment of the salarles of certain officers set forth in the schedule. On account of the frequent changes that have taken place in the establishments and in the salaries attached to the offices, the Ordinance had practically become obsolete. The present scheme for an increase in the salaries of the members of the Civil Service would render the Ordinance still more obsolete, and there was no reason why it should remain on the Statue, Book any longer. In a Crown Colony the sights of the civil servants would be adequately secured by an annual vote. The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded

Bill read a second time. The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and on the motion of the Acting Attorney-General a clause was added providing that the Ordinance should come into ferce on the Ist January, 1891.

The Bill was then reported with the amend BILLS POSTPONED.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the postponment of the eight and ninth orders of the day Committee on the Gambling and Bankruptcy Ordinances) on the grounds that there were two other important committees to, be, held, which had business of a pressing nature before them. Agreed

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE. The Bill entitled "An Ordinance of amend the Public Health Ordinance of 1887" was read a third time and passed. ADJOURNMENT.

His Excellency-Before adjourning the Council would wish if possible, to ascertain, from the mofficial members particularly, what other day during the pissent week would be a convenient day to them to have another sitting." am airaid it would be dangerous to fix a sitting for next Monday inasmuch as it is possible the mail by which we know the Governor is expected may arrive that day, and therefore it seems to me Bimost necessary weshould have another meeting during the course of this week in order to finish up one or two important reports still pinding before the Finance Committee. In so ist as

either on Thursday or Friday, whichever day of the legislature met the demands of the might be most convenient to the unofficial. Imperial Government enabled a constitutional members, or, if both those days are seriously crisis to be avoided, and that it would be politic, sitting on Saturday morning. I merely throw sion which it might be possible to meet their out this suggestion in order to let the Council | views. know I think it absolutely necessary to have another sitting this week, and further than that I should be glad to hear any suggestions the unofficial members of Council may have to make. Mr. P. Ryde-I would suggest Saturday. because Thursday and Friday are both regulta

His Excellency-But which is the more important, the Council or the regards 2 (16) Mr. P. Ryrie-Well, we can have a Council any day; we cannot have a Regita any day. After some discussion it was decided to meet again on Saturday at eleven o'clock.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE,

After the meeting of Council the Finance Committee was held under the presidency Mr. W. M. Deane, Acting Colonial Secretary HOW VICTORIA COLLEGE DOUBLED ITS ORIGINAL

The dissussion of Extraordinary Public Works was continued, the Chirman introducing the subject of new water main as follows: Gentlemes, we will resume consideration of Again in sparagraph 7 your lordship says—Public Works Extraordinary, sub-item 321 news tison) will be about £280,000 a year and will water mains and distributory system of Victoria. waterworks, estimated total cost, \$200,000; Consequently be nearly three times as great as water mains and distributory system of Victoria estimated expenditure to 31st, December, 1890, \$87,000; estimated expenditure, 1891, \$70,000? The papers on this subject were laid on the table on the joth May, 1890, and the Govern ment, in prosecution of the reportion M Chadwick, are now carrying out his recommen dations. The question you have to decid In view of the danger to life caused by therefore is whether the sum of \$70,000 shall be

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-Is this sum the estimate made and arrived at by Mr. Chadwick ? The Chairman-Yes, you will see it is in his! report. It is entirely Mr. Chadwick's doing Mr. T. H. Whitehead -As Government Has decided to carry out Mr. Chadwick's proposals and plans, would it not have been desirable there had been a formal resolution of Council

ngreeing to do so? The Chalman-I do not think so, because the Council has already voted a sum for the exthink if there had been any objection to it the Government would most likely have heard of

in the interval. The Surveyor-General-The amount expended this year and that asked for for next year together form about four-fifths of the amount of the total estimate.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-Is there any risk of Mr. Chadwick's plans being departed from with a change of officers.

The Charman-No. I should say none, because Mr. Chadwick is consulting engineer at, money. The real reason was, and there can be home. He is paid £300 a year for his daties in no attempt to disguise it, that the parrison would connection with this work and he is in constant communication with the Resident Engineer. do not think the Resident Engineer would be justified in departing from his plans.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-In connection wit former works plans have been departed from, error, which was contained in the appendix to which has undoubtedly led the Government into larger expenditure than was contemplated. The Surreyor-General-Would the hon, mem

ber mention what public works he refers to? Mr. T. H. Whitehead-Well, the Victoria College and the Hospital quarters, for instance. The Suveyor-General-The increased expension previous to, the despatch, being written

VICTORIA COLLEGE was not due to any departure from the original plans, Libink, but owing to the

(FOUNDATIONS or mit (1) having turned out a great deal wome than was

Mr. Ho Kai-How did the foundations, turn out worse than expected? The Suveror-General-I don't know that he can make my words any clearer. Provision not made in the estimates for such a bad foundation as was found when the ground was opened

Mr. C.P. Chater-That surely would not make the difference between what it was estimated to cost and what it did cost.

The Silveyor-General-Yes, the papers show it accounts for the greater part of the differences Mr. C. P. Chater-But not the whole? The actual cost was nearly double the estimate. The Surveyor-General-It was not from

alteration in the plans. Perhaps the cost of work went up. C. P. Chater-That is very likely, but surely that could not make the whole difference, because

it was hearly doubled. But the state of the "The Chairman-I do not think we tought to discuss the Victoria College on a vote for new water mains. The matter has been alluded to, which is quite justifiable, as, showing, that care must be taken, but I think Mr. Chadwick in fustructions laid down for him. within the

VOTES AGREED TO

of the City of Victoria \$282,500 (siked for apon) the strength of Mr. Chadwick's special reporting of which \$77,000 is for use in 1891 | Sewern gan | Hunghom \$10,000; Sewerage of Yaumati \$13,000; Water Supply of Kawleon peninsula \$180,000, for expenditure in, 1891, \$3,000, on preliminary works Miscellaneous Minor Works \$5,000. THE REDUCTION OF POSTAL RATES,

Upon the subject of the proposed reduc tion of rates of postage to and from Purose to arrive at a d'claion in order that the Govern State's cablegram of the rath instantagin? After considerable discussion Mr. Keswick proposed and Mr. C. P. Chater seconded, that the rate of postage between Hongkong and Postal Union Countries "be! reduced from ten to seven cents for every half-Caritdunanimously (1)

THE INCREASED MILITAR. CONTRIBUTION.

The following despatches despecting increased military, contribution in Hongkong, COLONIAL OFFICE TO, WAR OFFICE were laid on the table at the Council meeting Downing Street, atthe October, 1890. on the 15th Inst. :-

My Lord. I have the honour to acknowledge Colonal Office and the War Departmention the keng-an the subject.
Stanbopa is correct in

am concerned I should be quite prepared to most; liberal manner in which the unofficial members inconvenient, it might be possible to have a in your lordship's opinion, to make any conces-

I entirely agree with your lordship that it would have been politic in the circumstances had the War Office given some consideration to your lordship's very reasonable suggestion. But far from doing this they seem to take advantage of the Council's liberality, by having recourse to a different line of argument to that conveyed at their dictation in your lordship's despatch. No

8 of the 20th of January last. That despatch, as does the letter from the War Office of the 24th of July, unquestionably refers to what the garrison in Hongkong was In 1863; to the amount of contribution then paid and to the revenue of the colony in that year. and it then goes on to compare the state of things at that period with what exists at present.

But the real purport of that depatch was to make a demand for a further contribution on the ground that circumstances rendered it necessary to increase the gamison here.

This is clearly shown in the first paragraph where your lordship addresses me on the sub-God of the additional garrison required. "by the fortifications recently erected at Hongkong and their armament."

the colonial contribution was fixed.

In Defagraph 19 your clordship remarks "that the £40,000 which the colony will pay in each of the next three years is only one-seventh of the cost of the garrison, while the remaining six sevenths, £240,000, will still be borne by the

"Could abything be plainer, more particularly from this last mentioned paragraph. than that the Imperial: Government Intimated that they intended during these three years to expend £280,000; per annum on an increased garrison out of which they requested the colony to con-

tributé £40,000 ?. But now the War Office takes a different line. The letter of the 14th of July insinuates that the increased contribution is not asked forliso imuch because we are to have an increased garrison, but because the colony's' revenue has considerably augmented since the year 1863, and because an intention, then agnounced, to increase the military contribution at the end of five years was never carried out. These might have been very good reasons for . requesting the colony to increase its contribution and had they been straightforwardly an

undisguisedly submitted to the Legislature. doubt not that the unofficial members would have given them that impartial consideration which they are at all times prepared to give to proposals emanating from Her Majesty's But these were not the grounds upon which

the Council were asked to vote the additional be increased during the three years particularly referred to, whereas there seems to be little chance of any substantial increase this year or lindeed within any limited period.

it 4.- I will not further allude to the unfortunate your lordship's despatch, unintentional as it was on, your lordship's part, more than to remark that it was one which not unnaturally tended to mislead the colony in an important

matter of this description. 181 Whatever may have been decided by the War should have been represented to your lordship in_such unmistakable terms as would have enabled your lordship to unequivocally state the Frounds upon which a considerable damaed was to be made upon the jaxpayers of this

to avoid a constitutional crisis or indeed any other Government difficulty in this zolony. where I have found the unofficial members of Council to be gentlemen of shrewd intellect, wass and possessing no political or partisan desire to bupose sa Government measure except on its mérits is for the Imperial Government to submit such measures as may be deemed necessary. in a frank and open manner. Opinious may of course, differ and occasions will no doubt arise when officials in a Crown colony may, through the necessity of their position, be arrayed on one Bide while the non-officials will be found on the other at But in Hongkong athle contingency rarely happens, and is still less likely to de se If the full and clear intention of Gavernment is submitted to the unofficial members, instead of an aspect of the case, which, however uninten-. tionally, may distort the true object of the measure. I have the honour to be, my Lord, Your lerdship's most obedient, humble servant.

differential self and a Fafteming Thora Right w. Honourable / Lord . Knutslord ETA GICIM.G., &cc., &co., &c.

Downing Street, 27th October, 1800. England will exercise every care, and I do not in Sir I am directed by the Secretary of State think the Resident Engineer will depart from the to transmit to you for your information, with gor zeference to your despatch No. 327 of the 10th The Surveyor-General said he could not depart pultimonthe decuments specified in the angered from them without the authority of the Govern schedule, on the subject of the military con-

tribution, I have, &c., (Signed) R. G. W. HERBERT. The Peak water supply \$27, 00; Sewerage of The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT.

Dir 22 October Letter from War Office. . WAR OFFICE TO COLONIAL OFFICE.

Svorq or Histowar Office, Pall Mall, S.W. coost credato becens the some extent on Signi With reference to your letter of the 23rd of May last, and the reply from this Office of the the Acing Colonial Secretary asked the bancil sath Inly, I am directed by the Secretary of ment could telegraph a reply to the Secretary of increased contribution to be paid by Hongkong now stands with the colony Mary Bocrotary Stanhope is anxious to have

this linemation at an early dute, as it affects the account of Army expenditure for the current financial year. It appears from your letter of the 23rd of May that the full proposed contribution of £40,000 has been voted for the current calendar year, she if 76 presumed, after the explanations given

in the letter from this Office of the rute fuly. that the contributions at that rate will be duly paldin Lhave Ac. (40) Site of The Contract richarde Signed) AH. G. Drepes.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

Sir, In reply to your letter (40,248/235) of the 22nd instant respecting the Hougkong military contribution, I am directed by Lord Kautsford edge to reduce you to refer Mr. Secretary Stankope the receipt of your lordship's despatch, Novi to the letter from this Department of the same 148, of the 15th of July, transmitting to ime! date, enclosing copy, of a despatch from the correspondence which has passed between the Officer, Administering the Government of Hong-

this colony.

2.7 | notice with pleasure the concluding be day paid for the current calendar year.—I personnel of Mr. Wingfield's letter to the War and decided (Signed) John Brauston.

Office of the sixt of May, in which he states the Under Sedretary of State, Was Office that year leaderly desired him to add that the Artis Under Sedretary of State, Was Office.

Hon. W. M. Dune, M.A. Acting Colonial Becretary.

MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

meeting of the Finance Committee was held on the 11th inst. There were present:-Mr. W. M. Deane, Acting Colonial Secretary, (President); Mr. E. J. Ackreyd, Acting Attorney-General; Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Mr. S. Brown, Surveyer-General: Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes, Acting Registrar-General : Mesars. P. Ryrie, Chater, T. H. Whitchend, J. J. Keswick and Dr. Ho Kai (unefficial members); and Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Acting Clerk of Councils.

REDUCTION OF POSTAL RATES.

The Chairman-Gentlemen, before we come to the maiff-purpose for which we are met this afternoon I have to inform the hen members of this committee, with reference to the question of reduction of postage that was brought before the Finance Committee some six weeks ago. that a telegram has this morning been received from the Secretary of State, in which, he says -"Reduced Postal rate generally approved. Commencement here 1st January. Strongly recommended similar arrangements homeward. mail nearly as possible at same time. Telegraph reply." It will be remembered that we referred this matter to the Chamber of Commerce. \The papers were sent to the Chamber of Commerce on the 4th November, but we have received no answer, yet. This is a very pressing matter and in order to make it in order I will as a present no one-cent stamp and no six-cent day's tragedy. stamp. To make it five cents would mean a dead loss, and that sum is by no means the have to be made in England, which will of a reduction of postage.

upon the taxpayers of Hongkong, the Chairman | pirates about 7 p.m. meeting of the Council on Monday.

YOTES PASSED. Slaughter-houses and pigs and sheep depots \$60,000 to be spent in 1891; Public Laundries. \$25,000 of which \$12,500 will be spent in 1891 Public Latrines, \$17,000, \$10,000 for use in 1891 The Civil Hospital, \$66,000 of which \$26,623 wi be expended in 1801: Lunatic Asylum for Chinese, \$20,000; Police Station, Aberdeen, \$32,115 Kennedy town Police Station, \$2,000 to complete it; District Schools, \$10,000; Additions Government House, \$10,000; Governor's Peak Residence \$40,000; Quarters for Supt. of Afforestation Dept., \$18,500; Magazine at Stonecutters' Island, \$17,625; Shaukiwan Market, \$3,000 Lowering Queen's Road, \$12,000; necessitated through the new system of stones' accounts. The Committee then adjourned for a week.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on the 12th inst. There were present :-- Mr. S. Brown. (President); Major-General Gordon (Vice-President); Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes, Acting Registrar-General; Dr.: He Kai, Mr. N. J. Ede, Dr. Cantile, and Mr. H. McCallum (Secretary).

THE PAY OF SANITARY INSPECTORS. A letter from the Acting Colonial Secretary was read to the effect that the application of the Sanitary Inspectors for an increase of pay had been duly considered, and regard being had to their length of service, as compared with that of inspectors of Police of the first and second-class. it was found impracticable to accede to their request.

After some discussion the Vice-President sale that were servants of the Board able to represent that had they remained in the police force they would have attained to the rank of second class inspectors their applications would have mel with more consideration. At the present time the Government did not see its way to do anything in the direction sought by the applicants.

DISEASED CATTLE ON A RUSSIAN TRANSPORT. The Sanitary Superintendent's report for November was laid on the table. One of the suffering from disease. One animal died and , was buried on shore, the others were killed by order of the commander and the carcases towed at Vladivastock.

Mr. Edo said the buriel of one carcass on shore, before the sanitary authorities had any. Mr. Eldridge, the chief officer, made the best of formed by Tsinco Island and the isle of thing. It ought to have been taken out to sea | Hongkong harbour at 8 o'clock this morning. like the rest. Who authorised the buriel—the

commander on his own account? (4) The Secretary said he believed it was done by the people on board the skip. The animal died.

ought to be made to the commander. acted wrongly, but the thing was then done. of that kind it would be the duty of the police to, I two Chinese cooks who are wounded in the and Interfere.

some of the dock people must have assisted, The subject them dropped of the percent from

A HOLLIDAY METING. The President said that were the Board to speedy relief meeting would be convered for Boxing Day; are perhapt gaps which we cannot fill up to a refuge in the long who were which was a public heliday,

subject and it was finally decided, in view of it being necessary to convene a meeting once a fortnight, to call a meeting for the 26th inst., but as that would be rather hard on the Secretary, who would have to attend although he knew. none of the members of the Board would be likely to turn up, it was understood that officer could go through the business in his own house. The cultivation of vaccine lymph, the French sanatarium at Pokfulum, and certain defective drains were subjects briefly considered subsequent to which the Board adjourned for a

THE DOUGLAS CO.'S STEAMED "NAMOA" SEIZED BY PIRATES.

CAPTAIN POCOCK MURDIRED AND THE VESS

In these piping times of peace it seldom falls to our lot to have to chronicle such a horrible tragedy as that that enacted on board the coasting steamer Names yesterday afternoon (Dec. toth). Hougkong was awakened this morning with the startling intelligence that the Douglas Company's steamship Namoa had put back to gang of pirates, and color was given to the story by it being quickly seen that the Namoa's flag was flying half-mast, and it was soon ascertained beyond doubt that the rumour was only too matter of form move that the sum of \$5000 be true. The vessel had been over-run and taken voted to allow this Colony to meet the expense | charge of, the Captain, a saloon passenger, and | way into harbour here. incurred by the reduction of postage. I have some of the crew murdered. The attack was Mr. W. F. McIntosh, the chief engineer, who given instructions that copies of the papers | planned on much the same lines as was that on | must have as many lives as the proverbial cat, of the Acting Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. | evidenced a thorough knowledge of the a dog making a tremendous row on deck. consideration for the Council as to whether we | themselves, and be the means of inducing them could not agree to the postage next year being I to enforce some preventive measure which will

The following --- accourate -- details of this equivalent of the 21d. that represents the out- reliable sources:—The Namoa left Hongkong ward postage. If six cents be decided upon as | at 8, o'clock yesterday morning on her usual the ultimate charge the die for the stamps will | coasting trip for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, baving on board five saloon and 240 Chinese take some time, and therefore I think that passengers. Nothing unusual occurred until for possibly six months we might reduce itifin time when at 1:15 p.m., acting on a pre-

to be locked up whilst the ship was being and then the balance of the crew were brought apparently was agreed to, and while in the act in no way molested, for the pirates were of obeying their summons Capt. Pocock was shot | going on with the looting and apparently, had down. The bullet entered his right breast and | quite enough to do in that direction. When we no doubt's penetrated the lung. He was came to anchor, which was at about 7 o'clock. conscious to the end, and did not seem to suffer our captors signalled—with the steam whistlemuch pain. All that could be done for him to their confederate junks. There were four of under the circumstances was done. In the them, I think, and they took on board all the meantime Mr. Richardson, the second officer- | booty which had been collected from the ship. who is acknowledged to have acted cooly and None of the cargo, so far as I know, was touched, bravely all through the trying ordeal-was march. but it is computed that they got close on \$20,000 ed around to collect the passengers and officers. When this was done and the pirates had them all safely barricaded in the Captain's state-room, I distinctive badge, consisting of a knotted piece they seemed to devote the whole of their attention to looting and did not molest their prisoners | also carried their revolvers suspended from further. After turning all the Chinese passengers out of the tween decks they proceeded to business in earnest and are said to have made a very rich haul. They also ransacked the baggage of the European passengers and looted them and the officers of the ship of everything of value, including gold watches, &c., not forgetting a bundle of Manila lottery tickets that was in the possession of one of the officers.

. Notwithstanding their wanton cruelty murdering two men in cold blood, booty was Magistracy on the 12th inst. into the circumof course the chief object of the pirates, for stances connected with the death of Captain G. had they chosen they could have massacred T. Pocock, who was killed on board the British every living soul on board. They stove in and steamship Namoa on Wednesday last. Mr. destroyed every boat on the ship and it really Wotton, of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon, watched seems that at one time the fate of their unfortunate captives hung in the finest of balances, I ship Company. No doubt they were highly pleased at the made such a valuable prize were auxious to get 7 o'clock they signalled to four confederate junks | on Wednesday morning bound for Swatow. (supposed to be about 200) before finally taking

There was agoed deal of conversation on the two of the officers of the Namon. As they were indifferent positions in the ship until they were finally imprisoned in the Captain's room their stories will have additional value. Mr. Alex. Jones, and engineer, who was in the engine room at the commencement of the attack. sava:-The first I knew of the business was when Eddy, the 3rd officer, came down into the engine room pursued by some of the pirates. We planted ourselves under the boilers and remained there until Richardson came down at the instigation of the pirates and induced us to come up on deck. In the meantime Ramsay-who also behaved splendidly—was returning the fire of those above with lumps of coal, and was eventually shot in the arm. We left the engine room and went on deck, only to be marched under an armed escort: to the state-room, where we found the rest of the officers and passengers already imprisoned. The pirates no sooner had us in there than they commenced looting our cabins, and needless to say cleaned us out of reverything that they considered of value, i In some cases they did not wait to ransack the lockers, but bodily took them and their contents l'away to be examined at their leisure. Mr Richardson was made—under a guard of some twelve revolvers-to collect the passengers and crew and finally when they were safely barricaded port after having been captured and looted by a | in, the pirates gave us little thought, and went cheerfully on with looting and feasting. They had a thorough "jamboree" and no doubt were well satisfied with the results of the day. When we once got rid of them it did not take us long

formerly brought before your notice should be the Greyhound on the 17th of October, 1885, and was good enough to let us have his version put before you again, as although you will pro- | the whole scheme was carried out in a manner | of the affair. He says :- The first: I knew of bably remember the general principles you may | that proved everything had been most carefully | the business, or that anything out of the ordinot be cognisant of the details. From the report | arranged before hand, and the blan of attack | nary was occurring on deck, was by hearing Sercombe Smith, it appears that if instead of a rules of the ship on the part of the was in my cabin at the time, but went out to ten-cent rate we adopted a five-cent rate there author or authors, as will be seen from the details inquire into the matter and the first thing I saw would be a decided loss to the colony. (The which follow. This makes the fifth foreign ship was a scuffle between one of the quarter-masters hon, gentleman read paragraph 12 of the that has been attacked by Chinese pirates in the and a Chinaman; there were also eight or ten report referred tot) The matter has been immediate vicinity of Hongkong within the last | Chinamen firing revolvers off, simlessly apparsprung upon us very suddenly by this telegram. 27 years, which fact will surely have due weight | ently but making a hideous row. I went up to and I would throw it out as a matter of with the authorities and the shipping companies | see the quarter-master and found he was wounded, a target for the group of whom I've spoken. saloon, but had to "run the gauntlet," the reduction in rates entailing an extra charge | Mendoza island, where she was anchored by the | might as well be shot on deck as anywhere else; stated that nothing could be decided at that In the meantime a wholesale fusilade was up the companion, was shot down. I then

the saloon to inform the Captain and passengers | could for him. He died about 20 minutes after | After the door was opened they saw the man nationality, and was a lighthouse-keeper | captain's cabin, he could also identify, for he saw that, if they came on deck and quietly submitted being shot. A quarter of an hour or so clapsed, boatswain, a Malay, standing outside. He in the Service of the Chinese Government. When him distinctly through the venetian in the said looted, no harm would come to them. This in, making ten in all, but after this we were worth of valuables and property from the unfortunate passengers. The pirates had a of red tape to which was attached a cash. They their necks by balyards, and were under the

> command of one chief who was here there and everywhere." The following is a list of the saloon passengers: -Mr. E. K. Chandler, Mr. Petersen (murdered) Captain Saunders, Mr. C. E. Mehta, and the Rev. Mr. Wales.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

Mr. Wodehouse held an inquiry at the the proceedings on behalf of the Douglas Steam-

Mr. G. R. Eldridge, chief officer, said the successful issue of their adventure, and having Namoa was 863, tons register. On the 10th instant at five minutes past one the attack comoff with it. On coming to anchor at or about | menced. The ship left Hongkong at 8 o'clock which were waiting for them; these came along. Amoy and Foochow with general cargo, amongst side and took the booty on board. They are which there were 40 chests of opium. There was supposed to be Hongkong junks, but no one, no treasure on board the ship, and only about apparently, was in a position to take their num. half a cargo of general merchandise." She had bers. When all was ready and the junks loaded, on board Capt. T. G. Pocock as master, himself paragraphs stated that on the 8th November | the pirates forced the firemen todies the steamer's (Eldridge) as chief officer, and two other officers information was received that the cattle on a fires and also to blow steam off, and as a reward and three engineers. The crew consisted of 45, a'l Russian transport (the St. Petersburg) were, for these services threw them along, of dollars told. They were Chinese and Malays—Irds told. They were told. Chinese and and Malay. There were five foreign. their departure... Once over the side it may be first-class passengers on board and 259 Chinese. supposed that it took but a short time for the The first class passengers were quartered in the out to sea. The disease was supposed to be prisoners (who had, hitherto been harricaded in saloon, and the Chinese in the tween decks. pleuro-pneumoniat The animals were shipped | the state-room, guarded by lour pirates) to They got as far as Tsinco Channel break out. The anchor was slipped, steam got when everybody went to tiffing The Tsinco up and the Namea, under the command of Channel is off Fokai a point and is thing to say on the matter, was not the right, her way out to sea, and was safely brought into Mendoza. It is half a mile wide Everyone went down to tiffin except the and officer who It legeldom that such a tale of the sea has to was left in charge of the deck. Witness was be told in these days, but all things taken into sitting on the port, side of the saloon table. consideration the marvel is that so many escaped | They had been about 2 to 3 minutes at table with their lives, which doubtless they owe chieff when he heard several shots fired on the upper in the morning, and he got information about to bad marksmanship and faulty, weapons, deck. The dining saloon was on the tween noen that the interment had taken place. There Besides Captain Pocock and Mr. Petersen; who deck, att. The shots were followed by the was no real proof that it was pleurs-pneumonic. I were shot down in what can only be called cold. fall of a heavy body on the deck immediately Mr. Eda; sald he thought some representation, blood, the pirates are responsible for the lives above the saloon, and he also heard the shouts of of two Maley quartermasteres, one of whom they the men who were firing. The next thing he saw died in the Civil Hospital this morning from the the saloon; they were using revolvers. Ho

pastry. ... After several minutes bid clapsed, kong fishing junks i two mosted. He could not passengers was maintained on board. They were They then, offered, if the Captain would come up and give., them all, his valuables, to spare his life.....The Captain asked them if they would really spare his life if he came on deck, and they went on deck. Before leaving for the deck the the pantry. A minute or two later he heard in his voice.... Two or three minutes later he heard | got well away the 3rd engineer and himse'f got | saloon - at least | half-a-dozen of them. | They to alip the anchor, get steam up, and make our. companion. In The second officer told the chief cabin door. The pirates had nailed up the door the saloon. They also fired shots into the saloon, into the captain's room without resistance the pirates had gone by a quartermaster coming after when the second officer, boatswain and several or rather; he heard them go up and into the room he requested the chief engineer to see that that if he would come up into the captain's room, the pirates made a rush, in a body, into the saloon. "At that time witness was still in the pantry. The pirates then threw open the pantry door, and: found him (witness) standing there, Two men, with revolvers, stationed themselves on each side of the door and told him to come lout. One of them spoke in English, saying "go top-side." In going up the staircase, in front and on looking round noticed that I had become for the two men, the saw some half dozen armed, pirates, opening the cabin doors. made seven cents, as unfortunately we have at | place beyond possibility a recurrence of yester- I made the best of my way aft to the | The pirates were dressed as ordinary Chinese coolies, and the only distinctive mark on and how I escaped is a miracle for no less than I them was a redistring with a cash attached five men fired point blank at me. One shot to it, hanging from the breast. Each of grazed my cheek and the bullets were flying them had two revolvers—one attached to their about like hail in a storm. However, I got neck with a white cord and the other held in safely to the saloon which to my surprise I found | one hand. The pirates were smoking eigars as empty, but on calling out I was inswered by I they were carrying on operations. He did not Captain Pocock, who was then standing at the I notice swords in their possession. He went lamps and several cargo lamps were missing wetted with water by the chief engineer. Water entrance to the boy's room. He made some Jup the stairs followed by the two men, and from their places, and they had probably was passed into the captain's cabin in a tin pan, the postage to seven cents the half- concerted signal, about 35 or 40 of the Chinese casual remark to the effect that this when near the top of it, a man standing there been thrown overboard. Witness discovered by one of the ship's boys. After that the "boy" ounce, by which time the six-cent stamp passengers thewed themselves in their true was a bad business. I then proceeded cocked his revolver and prepared to shoot him; that Mr. Petersen was dead about to minutes was "rushed" away below. He passed the might be got out, and then we could colors, and armed with revolvers and cutlasses to open some of the ports, for the but three or four who were down below sang after starting. Before starting witness tried water in through a side door of the captain's effect a further reduction if necessary. I am began their murderous work. Dividing them- stench from the "stink-pots" that had been out to do so. The lo make out the land and verify the shinis, cabin. Witness did not know whence the water very sorry indeed to have had to bring this mat. selves into four parties they simultaneously thrown down the saloon was unbearable, and man then pointed to witness to go into position. It was a starlight night. The ship was obtained. The pirates did not try to ter so suddenly before you, but as you see I am attacked the officers' mess room, the bridge, the the room was full of smoke. We held a council- the Captain's cabin. The man who attempted was heading north and he could make out prevent him from handing in the water. He was simply speaking in consequence of a telegram | engine room, and the after saloon, where the of-war (with the length of the saloon between us) to shoot him was evidently on guard, land ahead and on the starboard side. The about 7 hours in the captain's cabin—that was received this morning, and I am not in a position | Captain, the chief officer and four of the passen. and thought it would be better to await results | He (witness) went into the captain's land ahead was about 3 to 4 miles distant and 10 about ten minutes to nine p.m. During the to tell you the opinion of the Chamber of Com. | gers were at tiffin. Mr. Petersen, light-house | where we were. In about a quarter of an room as ordered. The captain's cabin was the land on the starboard side about half a whole of that time he was shut off from all commerce, for unfortunately they have not replied keeper at the Lammocks, who was on deck aft, hour's time a deputation consisting of the immediately above the saloon and was entered. a mile off. The land on the starboard bow was, munication, from the outside. He found the to my letter of the 4th November. Therefore, in was at once murdered—four shots being fired | ship's carpenter and a fireman came down by him, from the companion. As he entered he | the isle of Mendoza. That island was at once murdered—four shots being fired | ship's carpenter and a fireman came down by him, from the companion. As he entered he | the isle of Mendoza. That island was at once murdered—four shots being fired | ship's carpenter and a fireman came down by him, from the companion. As he entered he | the isle of Mendoza. That island was at once murdered—four shots being fired | ship's carpenter and a fireman came down by him, from the companion. order to bring the matter up for discussion, I | into his head—the deck where he fell being from the pirates and informed us that if saw the Captain lying on his bed suffering from from Hongkong. The land ahead was the main- his (witness's) cabin had been ransacked. Some move that the sum of \$5,000 be entered on the covered with blood. The course of the Namoa | we went up and quietly submitted to a wound in the chest, apparently dying. He land of China. As soon as the cable was slipped of his clothing was missing, but he could not say estimates for next year to meet the probable cost was now altered by the pirate chief and she be imprisoned whilst they looted the ship and the he went full speed for Hongkong, but it being a so for certain. His portmanteaux werethere, in the was steered out to sea-ultimately being taken harm would come to us. Pocock and I discussed four foreign passengers. The chief engineer cloudy, thickish night be turned back aftermaking cabin but the contents of one of them was strewn all After some discussion as to the probability of outside Pedro Blanco and then slowly back to it and agreed to go up, for, as I remarked, we and and officer were attending to the Captain. | Cape D'Aguilar light, and entered port about | over the place. He put his watch in his trouser's and giving him water to drink, and the others 7.30 a.m. with all, the passengers and ship's pocket, before going on deck, and managed to

during which time the captain had spoken see their numbers, He knew they were Hingkong hallowed to room all over the ship, except abalt the with the chief engineer, who had come, in. The junks by their build and rig. At the same majon ist the afterpart being reserved for saloon chief engineer was in a room at the after part of lime, he could just discern, land on the passengers. As far as he was nward there the saloon. The Captain asked him in a loud; the starboard side and ahead. They were then, were, no special reasons, why there should voice, if he, the, chief, engineer, could beading about N.N.W., but he could not make out, have been, an attack on that voyage. They suggest a means of escape from the salcon, the ship's position. The pirates then proceeded had the usual number of passengers, who The chief replied he could not suggest anything, to pas all their plunder into the junks, hippeared to be of the usual class, anot except complete surrender. ... Up to that time no. consisting of buckets and baskets full of dollars I specially rich. The pirates opened the treasureone had been hit in the saloon. After that the and bundles of Chinese clothing. The guard captain, seizing the opportunity afforded by round the cabin took no part in the proceedings, drawer, One of the wounded officers was shot in a temporary cessation, of the fiting, got the While the transfer of booty was taking place the the wrist when at tiffin, and the other while in steward; who was in the steward's room, with guard rattled their tevolvers up, and down the the engine-room. He could distinguish none of him, to ask the pirates what they wanted,... The venetian windows, just to show us that they were, the faces of the men on board the junks. The said steward was a Chinaman. The pirates on the qui vive : The transfer of the book occu- insolence of the pirates manifested fiself in the replied, through him, that they wanted money. pled from an hour to an hour and a half. It was, way, they jostled the passengers and hit him transferred on both sides of the ship, and into the (witness) in the face with a revolver. The four junks. They did not take any very heavy. Captain was quite unconscious when he (witness) boxes. As soon as the junks had taken on board, entered the cabin, and died with, apparently, all they wanted they lieft the ship. That is to little suffering. promised not to killhim. Upon that the Captain say each one left when loaded. Before the last, . . J. F. Saunders, marine surveyor of Foochow junk left the pirates. let red the Namon's said he was a passenger on board the steamship Captain shouted out,"where are you, Eldridge no ancher party of pirates carno, Names on the 19th instant. The Names sailed andwitness replied he was still in his hiding place. I alt to the saloon and put out a light, which the lat 8 n.m. and he salows to tiffin at I o'clock. passengers there had lighted, and shut down the Himself, the Captain, chiqf officer and Mr. Wales shet fired and the, fall of a body in the captain's skylight. WHe knew they put the llamp out; were the only four at the saloon table. After room, The pirates remained on the staircase because he heard the noise of the lamp being while the captain passed up to his reomand Two: smashed, and its reflection on the venetian of the a regular stampede, festful yells and several shots or three minutes after, the shots were fired in Captains' cabin window dis ippeared at that same fired off. . He got up and was about to go on the captain's room as heard the carpenter aneak. | moment, The pirates then cordeted the fire. | deck but being fired on in the companion way ing to the chief engineer in the saloon. He said men to draw the boiler fires, and a few he was forced to beat a retreat and go into the the pirates wanted avery one to gonon deck. minutes later the whole gang left the ship bath-room for safety, were he stopped for about Wilness, kept the pastry door closed. Mercould in the last remaining junk." The cabin lorty minutes. During that 40 minutes the pirates not see the carpenter, but knew it was him by guards were the last to depart. After the junk had, threw down a lot of things, like stinkpots, into the a man, the and officer, being forced down the through one of the windows and opened the vere lighted and thrown down, and exploded in engineer and the passengers that it they'd go with pieces of wood. They knew when the but did not hit anyone. He left the bath-room pirates would spare their lives. They did so, and telling them. As soon as they got out of the pirates came down into the saloon and told him captain's room. After they were in the captain's | the engines were all right and to get up steam | cabin they would spare his life. He went up with the ulmost celerity. Personally, witness intoperthe accaptain's cabin, with the other. went forward to make preparations for slipping passengers and, was shut, in by the the cable. As soon as he had directed the 2nd Birates. The pirates were all dressed like officer in that connection he (witness) inspected coolies with the exception that they had a the compasses and steering gear, which were in red string, or rag, as a badge. One of their good order. He then noticed that it was 8.45 p.m. That was about to minutes after getting out | had a cutlass as well as revolver. He saw the of the cabin. About 5 minutes to o the chief, captain was dying when he got into his room. engineer reported. "engines all right, sufficient. He had a wound in the right breast and was steam up to proceed with." Thereupon witness. gave orders for the cable to be slipped and the | chief engineer were in the captain's cable. The engines to be run "full speed ahead." He caused the cable to be slipped because he wanted losive time, and he afterwards found that he I the captain's room were shut and fastened. | could not have lifted the anchor as for the The captain died at 20 minutes past 2 o'clock, messenger chain, by which it was hove up, had precisely. He did not say how he came to be been cut in two places. He found the mast- shot and did not appear to suffer much pain head, port and starboard lights, binnacle being in a semi-comotose state. His lips were he led the way, and while in the act of stepping were talking to each other. There were no confiders on board, with the exception of the concealit. That was how he was able to state pirates inside the room. In addition to the two captain, who was dead, a European passenger the time of occurrences with accuracy. While The question had merely been being keptup on board the ship, the miscreants, decided to remain where I was, but in a little already mentioned there was one other pirate who was also shot, and a Malay quarter-master. In the captain's cabin he could not see anything mosted by him to put members on the after taking charge of the bridge and engine | time the second mate (Mr. Richardson) came to on guard at the captain's room door. As soon who was either thrown or chased overboard. I that was going on. A great noise was going on qui vive as to what would take place in the room, firing into the saloon and throwing "stink | say that the Captain's room, a pirate | The murders had been committed in the early | all the time, and some firing as well. He pots" down endeavouring to suffocate those went up and was at once confined with closed the door. There were eleven people part of the attack. Mr. Petersen's body was thought he could identify some of the pirates. whom they could not reach with their bullets. | the others in the Captain's room. He had been | in the room altogether. Four or five minutes found on the upper deck, aft, by the second | He could identify the two men who fired at him After indulging in this amusement to their hearts' shot in the breast and was not then dead. I later a couple of pirates came to the door and officer, who reported to him (witness) on the was coming up the companion. A third content they ultimately sent a deputation down to washed his face with water and we did all we knocked, and some one sang out "open door," bridge. He was a first-class passenger of Ger-, man, who was standing outside the door of the was guarded by a number of pirates. They he came aft, off the bridge, in the morning, cabin door. He had been shown a book of photos demanded through him that the passengers he saw the body of Petersen lying on the by the police. At this point in the proceedings should give up all the valuabler on their quarter-deck with four wounds in the head, a book containing the photos of criminals perions. Witness told the officers and The Captain's name was Thomas Guy Pocock, was introduced and he identified the man passengers to hand over all they had in an Englishman, 45 years of age. Capt, who was on guard on the companion and who their possession—the Captain was not then Pocock joined the ship last May. He was a little at him, witness. He was the man whom he alive, he died before the boatswain and married man and his wife and four children laiso, saw, through the venetians. He next pirates came to make that demand. The Cap. resided in Hongkong. The second engineer, identified the man who was on the port side of the tain died after he (wilness) had been in the room | third officer, two quartermasters, one sailor and companion. He further identified a man who for a couple of minutes, about a quarter to two | one cook were wounde !. None of the Chinese. | was on the starboard side of the captain's cabin. o'clock, judging from guess work. A pocket-knife passengers were wounded. At no time during He was , prepared to swear , positively. worth about \$2 was all witness had on him, which the whole affair was it possible to offer resistance. and 'did swear, that the photos pointed out witness handed over. His gold ring and shirt The arms on board the ship were:—a dozen were the likenesses of four of the pirates. ... He stude he secreted in the pantry and found I rifles, a dozen cutlasies and 14 revolvers, which could not see who fired the shot at the captain. them on Thursday morning. Every one passed were kept in racks in the companion leading | He did not see any one killed. He was not. out their 'valuables,' personally,' to the 'chief,' down to the saloon. A revolver, however, was | himself, wounded, [Witness was then shown an-Watches, rings, watch chains and a few dollars [kept in each officers, room and a dozen other book of photos] Continuing, witness said and small change were passed out in that way. cutlasses in the officers' mess-room. The whole I he could not say that any of those photos were Altogether the should say that about \$600 worth of the arms were selzed by the pirates; this he | portraits of the pirates. Again shown a book of of property was handed out to one of the pirates, found out as soon as he got free from confinement | photographs, witness said he identified the and he passed them on to his confederates. In the captain's cabin. He could not say exactly, photo of one man, which was the same as one of He called the manifat the door the head what the ship's allowanc of ammunition was. It the photos in the first book, inspected by him. pirate, because he appeared to direct the I was about 8 or 10 boxes of cartilidges for revolvers. actions of the others. He was better dressed and 6 or 7 dozen rounds of ball cartildge for Amoy, said he was amongst the first class passen-

than the others, and had a short silk coat on; rifles. A box of cartildges was kept in each of the gers on the Namoa, on the 10th instant. He went but had 'no other distinguishing bidge to mark | officer's rooms. The ball cartridges were kept in | down to tiffin at 1 o'clock and after finishing the him as the chief. He was a tall man, of about the magazine, in the after "peak,", but some of liftist course he heard shots fired on deck and forty years of age. "He was apparently a Cap. them was kept in abox at the head of the saloon so bid behind a state-room door.. At that time tonese, but might have been a Hakka. He staircase. No rifle shots were fired, as far as he he saw the pirates on the companion ladder. carried the same arms as the cothers. Witness | knew, and no sword cuts were inflicted on the shooting into the saloon. They were firing some could recognise the chief again. He had never | passengers or crew. He had reen the photos | time. The captain, through the steward, asked seen him before, and had not noticed him on board of a number of criminals, and recognised the pirates what they wanted. The firing then the ship before. He could also recognise the two lone of them as being concerned in the attack, I ceased and the captain went up on deck upon men who ordered him out of the pantry, but he He had no reason to believe the crew were the understanding that he would not be shot. did not see any others sufficiently well to identify | mixed up in this affair. [At this juncture witness | While the captain was parleying with them, he them in the future. "After handing over the was shown a book containing photos, of, note- (witness) came out of his cabin and sawthe captain property to the chief, through the boatswain, flous Hongkong criminals, and he identified one going up-stairs. He had hardly got up-stairs he (witness) asked the chief what they intended of them as the pirate chief.] Continuing the wit- | when the report of fire-arms was distinctly to do. They replied that when they had taken I ness said he had seen the book of photos hand- audible from the direction of the captain's all the money they could get out of the ship ed him in Court by Inspector Stanton and had cabin. "A few minutes later, in consequence of they would leave heritate 8 p.m. They chief pointed out the photo of the man who appeared a message from the pirates to the effect that they engineer asked him to leave the ship as soon as lo be the leader of the pirates. He was prepared | would spare their lives if they all went up into the possible so that they could get back to Hong- to swear that was the photo of the chief captain's cabin, he went up stairs and was shut up kong and have the wounded: attended to. The He had seen the photo on board the Namos in the captain's room. Upon entering he saw the wounded, up to that time, were the third officer. yesterday, when the book was banded him by captain lying on his bed, dying. He said "my and second engineer, who had shot wounds in Inspector Stanton. Mr. Stanton did not show poor wife," once or twice. "As soon as all of did not reply to the chief engineer, but told the recognised the photo of the chief casily. cabin the pirates closed the door. He remained bostswain! to tell them, that anyone attempting | He found all the Namoa's boats stove in and I in the cabin until about o or There were to escape from the room would ba shot at once. thereby rendered uscless. That was done with 'o others in the cable in besides himself. but that by maintaining tranquility further harm the probable object of preventing the ship's From the cabin he could see nothing of what would not come to them; The chief and his crew from pursuing them, or it might have been was going on outside. He (witness) was not associates then left posting a guard of four or five | to prevent them from leaving the ship. The wounded. He lost a gold watch and chain and men who patrolled their place of imprisonment. Last he saw of the lunks was when they were labout 18 in gold. His valuables were delivered

passengers being driven on deck and sent down | island. They were following one another. The | pirates opened the door and demanded that all into the saloon, also boxes being thrown method of attack showed a good knowledge, on (prisoners) should give up our valuables. He about and the noise of wood breaking and split- their part, of everything connected with the could not identify the pliate who made the ting which instead about half an hour by which ship. Their demandur was inspient noisy, demand for the valuables. He saw no time they had driven sa many as they wanted into | violent; and they kept up a constant howling | distinctive mark from the pirate but he the saloon. The noise of smashing up boxes con- and cursing , they were shouling the whole time. may have had a mark nevertheless, for they tiqued up to dark about 3 or 4 more hours. They, were using threatening gestures also, were crowded in the captain's cabin and he Just belore dusk, shout 6 p.m., he heard the Their object appeared at first to be lo shoot could not see the man clearly. The saloon was pirales shouting out to the firemen to teste the tyery one in the saloon, but after shooting full of smoke, and steach, caused by the stinkpots engines." The ship was eased down to four or the Captain they appeared satisfied. He had (los huttat) and revolver shots. The stink pots five knots from a to to knots per hour, at which ho idea why the pirates shot the Captain. I smelt of sulphur, The stinkpots were about six The Secretary said they were told they half wounded and threw overboard and another who was severa men at the skylights firing down into speed the had been going ever slice the attack. It appeared to him that the Captain offered inches in length, and some four inches in thickcommenced, About sir hour later they heard ho resistence, and be had not heard that he ness. They seemed to fume up only They see The President said he supposed that in case leffects, of a shot, in the groin, There are also thought at least thirty shots were fired into the steam was fite to the wood work in the groin. There are also the bad no saloon, at that 'time. Everybody jumped up at 'times and at the skill time heard some people | jot a violent man at a land he (witness) thought | special information that he would like to kive engineer (Mr. Ramsay) was shot through his once and stood in different parts of the saloon; on deck exchanging affords with people on I was highly impropable that he officed any He was a lay missionary but could not sucak

The Vice-President said the police did act, wilst and the 3rd officer has a bullet in his arm Several stickpots were thrown down through the board vessels their band to go up on deck and Chinese. There was a considerable noise and but the burial had taken place before they knew. The latter four are in the Civil Hospital; whither the burial had taken place before they knew. The latter four are in the Civil Hospital; whither they be the the burial had the ship was in dock and he supposed they were removed on the arrival of the Namon viduals. Witness was standing behind the table, that time her had pended about and been under the control of one man for all he this morning, and where, under the skilled hands where he had previously been stitled. A second to the window in the captain's cable without the pirates, and supper at the knew, "As far as he could judge it was a very of the talented medical staff of that institution, lot of pirates, some 5 or 6 in all, came making down the pirates, knowledge, the pirates, knowled shey will doubtless receive every attention and the companion ladder and fired several shots window he saw two finds to pay their passage money on board. Wr. A. K. Chandler, a clerk in Messra, and the companion ladder and fired several shots window he saw two finds the chinese fare to Swatow was \$3 per head. Watson and Co. s firm, said he was a first-class adjourn for a fortnight, in the usual way, the next In the foregoing Mantly written, report there was no search of Calinese passenger out board the Name of the state-rooms. The Captain took must have been about 7 personner out board the Name of the state-rooms.

com, taking the key of it from his (witness's)

heing scated at table about 10 minutes he heard revolvers was attached to a string. The chief conscious, at that time. The chief officer and Captain told him to say "good by " to his wife. should he never see her again. . The other doors Mr. George Moffatt Wales, a missinoary of

The next thing they heard was the noise of Chinese I steering into a small hay at the north of Tainto up on the demand of the pirates. One of the

better was their by attaching the etalemonts of walcon, and he (witness) went into the port side of the war. No Contraband of war.

go to tiffin, being sick. As soon as he heard the shooting he ran out and was fired at from the skylight. Five shots were deliberately find at him. He was not hit: Afterwards he sicked up one or two bullets. Then he fled to the bath-room, where he found Capt, Saunders, and subsequently Went with the others into the captain's cabin. He thought he could identify two of the pirates. The photo of the one pointed out by him, in the book of criminals produced by the police, certainly one who was on guard on the companion. He had a revolver and sword in his possession. He was dressed like an ordinary Chinese shopkeeper. He (witness) was almost sure, also, that the photo of one other pointed. out was the man who took all the passengers', valuables. He did not netice any one who appeared to be the leader. The two last photos pointed out, by him (witness) were the pirates stationed on the companies when he and the others were being driven into the captala's cabin. A stinkpot was thrown against his cabin door, and set fire to the carpet. He extinguished the fire with a jug of water.

At this point the inquiry was adjourned until Wednesday, the 17th inst.

In opening the inquiry to-day (17th lust.) Mr. Wodehouse sild that he had taken the deposttions of Mr. Ramsay, second engineer, Mr. Eedy, third office, and Ho Agee, a quartermaster, who were lying in Hospital suffering from wounds depositions on Sunday last, the 14th instant, in consequence of intelligence from the superintendent of the Civil Hospital to the effect that the condition of the wounded was very serious. Mr. Wodehouse then read over the depositions

of the wounded engineer (Mr. Ramsay) and of the second officer, Mr. Eedy, which latter ran-as follows :---

THE WOUNDED OFFICER'S DEPOSITION. George William Eedy, second officer of the Namoa, sworn, stated that he was on duty on the 10th instant. Nothing happened that day after leaving Hongkong until about 1 p.m. At that hour he relieved the second mate on the bridge so that the latter might go to tiffin. When he got on the bridge he noticed a lot of Chinese smoking cigars on the deck, and that they had both red and white tape about them. They were leafing about and looking at one another. The men smoking were about 40 in from the South, with plenty of money, had been standing them a box of cigars. The red tape was on the breast of their coats, and was of the samekind as Swatow men wore when going South. He attached no Importance to it and saw nothing suspicious. He saw no fire-arms on the smokers. It was after he had taken his bearings that he noticed them. The Namos was between Mendoza and Tsinko Islands at the time heading east by north & north. Hewent into the wheel-house to enter the bearings of the ship in the log book when all of a sudden he saw a man rush on to the bridge with a revolver. A that had been fired at the wheel-house by him, evidently. The shot hit the wheel-house and passed through into the deck. A Swatow man and the quarter-master, a Lascar, were in the wheel-house with him at the stepped, out on the bridge. The man was shouting wildly and was singing out "kal-tal." His intention was to disarm the man, but there who were down there would not assist to get the covered with blood, saying he was shot. the engine-room and commenced firing on us. He heard one pirate coming down the steps and ran out and hove a lump of coal at man was directing the whole affair. him, and hit him in the face with it. The right wrist. The bullet entered near the wrist shut up in the Captain's, cable, While there he was forced to give up his watch and chain and gold and silver ring, valued at \$50. He believed he could identify the Pirate Chief. At this point witness was shown a book containing the photos of notorious criminals and he identified the likeness of the pirate Chief and one other]. He did not think that the crew were in any way privy to the outrage. He was an Australian by birth and a native of Sydney, N.S.W.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER'S EXPERIENCES. W. F. Mackintosh, chief engineer of the steamer Namoa, said the Namoa left Hongkong at 8 a.m. on the 10th instant and all went well until : p.m. At that hour he was in his room, under the bridge, having tiffin. attention was drawn to a noise on the two miles off Petro the course was changed so upper deck caused by his dog barking. as to bring it on the port beam. That would went out and saw a Malay and a Chinaman bring the ship heading back in a S.S.W. direcand he died on Friday the 12th in Hospital. tion. He then, owing to absence of marks, lost the run of the ship's course for an hour, and when He thought the quartermaster was ill-treating at last he did find it out the ship was heading the Chinaman so went aft to interfere: straight in for the Chinese mainland, with Goat They were scuffling about 40 feet aft of his room and abreast of the funnel. He noticed the Up till 4 p.m. she was going at full speed, but Chinamen was armed with a revolver which he at that hour they reduced the speed of the ship. held in his right hand, The Malay had hold of There was a still further reduction of speed him by the left arm. The Chinaman's right hand was lowered against the Malay's person, and the altered to West, so as to make the ship revolver went off and the Malay fell. He was head for Mendoza Island, the very place within two yards of them when the Malay, fell. He (witness) then passed between the two and the Chinaman fired a shot, at him. He at once made his way aft to the saloon, being fired at by several men. en route. He allowed him to do so, but while he did met a man coming out of the saloon as he so they stood over him with revolvers and was going in, they bumped, against each other in the door-way. He (the pirate) put the muzzle of his revolver against his left breast and he (witness) knocked the revolver up just in time, saw the chief on the bridge, giving directions, and the smoke of it, when fired blackened his fact. He then ran on down stales into the saloon which he found empty, but full of smoke, Witness called out "is no one here" and Capt. Pocockanawered him from the boys' room. He couldn't tell at once where the Capt. was because the smokerwas very dense. He (the Capt.) sang out "lit you Mac!". The witness was then standing in the saloon with his hands on the back of the Captain's chair. He convented with the Captain relative to the situation. Then four or five armed pirates made, their, appearance and fired some shots. The pirates were dressed like ordinary Chinese,

coolists. They were shoes, but not all of them.

Most of the pirates were without steckings. They

were shouting out and firing shots, promiscuous- run back to Hengkeng for aid for the wounded presume they are not losing sight of that quesly, into the saloon. They were aiming at him | captain. The Chief took no notice of his frantic | tion. (witness) as well as they could. He suggested subordinate. He would be able to identify to the captain to ask the pirates, through the the man that behaved in such a menacing to 21d, and we have to pay 3.09d, to these steward, what they wanted, and he did so. manner. He could swear to three of the About five minutes later the Chinese car- men at any time and any where. One penter and the No. 3 fireman came_down was the Chief, the second was the "frantic with a message to the Captain which he follow," and the third was standing on guard (witness) did not hear. They were alone, but at the main-deck hatchway. The latter were directed by the pirates posted on the stair- was right in front of birm (witness), nearly all latter sang out "what do you think of this Mac?" Witness answered he did not know for he had | They commenced blowing the whistle about 6 not heard the conversation. The carpenter o'clock apparently as a signal, and it was then came along and said "if the captain and chief engineer will submitto be shut up they (thepirates) will not harm any one at all." Capt. Pocock then, knowing witness had got the message, asked if he would go; to which he, the chief engineer, replied "yes, I will." Immediately after assenting the captain went up the stairs and he (witness) followed along the saloon-where he was standing-towards the stairs. Just as the captain got on top-and he saw him just on the top-he heard a shot and a ye'l. The yell was like that of a man in pain. He actually sang out "Oh | oh!" It was the voice of a man in pain. He (witness)-who was then at the foot of the stairs—sang out "have fishing boat class. All sails were set on the junks they shot you Pocock?" Got no answer, so when they came alongside, two on each side of sang out again, and still got no answer. the Namoa, but their crews did not board the After hearing the shot he went no jurther. Namoa. The steamer was in motion when the He could not see who fired the shot, but could first junk came alongside, going very slowly. inflicted on them by the pirates. He took their descry the pirates' legs from where he was She booked on to the ship and was taken along standing. It appeared to him that the shot was with the ship, and shortly afterwards the ship fired from inside the captain's room which was stopped and the other junks then came along. at the top of the staircase. He remained where side. Then more attention seemed to be paid to he was for about a minute and then the secon the first junk and it was supposed she had most have to pay an amount equal to a ld, for the mate (Richardson) came down and reported of the valuables on board. About half-past that the captain was shot. After that he went up stairs into the captain's room. He saw the hour after that that the junks all left with the Captain lying on his bed, wounded. No one else but the second mate was in the cabin with | that the pivates left in the |unks, as he did not him (witness). The only door in the captain's see them, but he could see a number of men the staircase. The Captain said "Mac, Mac, this | the side of the vessel. The spoil that witness is dreadful!" The captain knew all that was go- | saw was tied up in blankets. The junks appeared ing on for about ten minutes, but could not speak. to go away on the wind, but witness could no say The last act of the captain was to prevent him, which way they went. If they went with the the chief engineer, from opening his shirt front. wind it would take them into the main-The captain put his hand on witness's hand and land of China. The spoil was transferred Chief Officer (Eldridge) came in. The officers pirates appeared well acquainted with one were brought in by pirates who demanded the another, and there was no quarrelling amongst surrender of all valuables. He (witness) them. As soon as the pirates had gone they number. It appeared to him that some man | did not give up anything. They demanded all watches and chains etc., but did not make a search of their clothing. The boatswain was their interpreter. The p'rates who brought the officers in said they were going to loot the ship. get medical aid for the captain." The boatswain until then they didn't know that for any of them outward. Later they battened up boxes, etc. Witness heard that one Chinese Thinking the man was crazy he at once but it was about a quarter of an hour after, the but could not say whether it was a fact or not. were seven or eight other men on the bridge, on Plundering was going on from two to five o'clock. | chains about half-past nine, discovered the body both sides, rushing towards him (witness). They He saw them bringing boxes up out of the of Mr. Pe'erson lying near the ice chest. He fired their revolvers in the air and took no aim tween decks forward, and from under the bridge, at him. As soon as he saw that he jumped off which they smashed against the foot of the steps | European passengers brought him one of the the bridge with the intention of going to his leading up to the bridge, and taking therefrom ship's bayonets which he said he had found room to get his revolver. There being a lot the valuables. The plundering went on for lying on deck. During that afternoon of men on the deck shooting with revolvers three or four hours. The plunder seemed to witness had seen 12 of the ship's rifles the saloon. Upon arrival at the engine-room galvanised iron buckets and two rice baskets, they had been tied up into there bundles cover expenses because we do not know what to show that the finding of the Court of Survey he turned back and ran aft to get into consist of money and clothing. He saw two lying on the starboard side of the ship, door he saw there were a lot of men aft, also. full of dollars, brought up from the after 'tween by the pirates, with pieces, of rope, and He the clore rushed down into the engine-room docks companion. They were also carrying after they left the ship, the tifles were missing. and sang out to the third engineer, named Jones, a great deal of valuable, silk clothing which | Witness saw nothing of the ship's ammunition. to get the hose out as quick as possible because they piled up along the deck. At there were pirates on board. The firemen 5.30 p.m., after finishing the looting, they nailed battens against the cabin doors. This was done hose out, for they were domoralised. While to prevent the exist of the prisoners. They thinking what we should do the second were very methodical in their preparations for engineer came rushing down with his hand departure. There appeared to him to be as many as 18 to 20 of them at one time in one At the same time some pirates appeared over part of the ship—that was when they were smashing open the luggage. The pirates We sheltered ourselves by means of the boilers. | carried on the looting very quietly. . There was not much noise after the first attack. One never put his hand to anything. He simply pirate fired at him, the ball lodging in his walked about giving orders. He (wilness) never lost sight of him for a moment from the time and came out near the elbow. Ramsay, they were shut up in the captain's room. the engineer, instantly fired at him which espied him from the starboard window of the seemed to have hit him is the leg as he gave a captain's room. From that window he was yelp and rushed up calling out "plenty foreign | watching the movements of the pirates from devil down below," in Chinese. The next thing about half-past two o'clock in the alternoon up he heard was the voice of the chief engineer to dark. The general work of plunder was carried telling them to come up on deck. They all on chiefly on the starboard side. The Chief was went up were searched by the pirates and roaming about all over the ship. He had no special badge to distinguish him. His clothing was slightly different from the others, that was all. He was armed with two revolvers, -one in his hand, and one in his belt. All the pirates had two revolvers, one of which was slung around the neck with a white cord and the other was stuck in the belt. The pirates were all bare-headed. A few of them were armed with cutlasses. He could see what was being done with the ship while it was all going on and thought that the navigation of the ship was taken over by the pirates at 20 minutes to one p'clock. The ship appeared to him to be kept on her usual course up to half past two. At that time the course was altered so as to bring Petro Blanco about 2 points on the starboard bow. That would cause the ship to run out to sea in a S.E. direction. When they were about

Island on the starboard bow, fully five miles off.

later on and at the same time the course was

where they first attacked the ship. It was

then pretty dusk. At about 4 p.m. the quarter-,

master who was steering the ship on the bridge

wanted to obey a call of native so the pirates

then made him go back to the wheel house.

From that he inferred that the said quarter-

master was navigating the ship, He constantly

The first he saw of the Pirate Chief was about

two minutes after he (witness) went into

the captain's cabin. He came in with the

boatswain, whom he used as an interpreter,

and in giving directions said we (their

prisoners) should not be harmed if we kept

quiet. He came is to see if all the ship's

officers were there. He was not overbearing

in attitude, and was wonderfully cool, and co-

lected. All the plates were civil enough with

frantic manner, flourishing his revolver. This

he did because he saw him catch hold of the

to hurry up with the looting so that they could I India, Australia, and all the other colonismend I

After a short parley with the captain, the time. The said pirate was watching the ladder leading down into the tween decks. answered by four junks which came alongside ten minutes later. The whistling continued for about a quarter of an hour and at the same time the side-lights, which had been lighted, weretaken They had been lighted by the pirates about sun-set. The lights were not extinguished, but were so placed as not to be seen from the sea. When they first blew the whistle they were under the lee of Mendeza Island within half a mile of the land; on the western side of it. All the junks appeared to come from the same part of Mendoza. The place they came from was not a customary anchorage for junks. The junks appeared to be of Hongkong built-of the large seven the anchor was let go and it was about an pirates on board them. Witness could not say room that was open, was the one leading out on going down the boat accommodation ladder over said "no." The second and third mate and the to the junks with very little noise, except the saloon passengers came in, and last of all the barking of a dog on one of the junks. The all got out the Captain's cabin, and witness went to the engine-room where he found all the Chinese crew belonging to the engine room. The fires were all drawn which must have been done some time before he I (witness) got down as there In reply he (witness), through the beatswain; was no fire in the ashes. Everything else was said "hurry up and finish your looting, for God's in fair order. The firemen were very much sake, so then we can get back to Hongkong and frightened when witness went down, and said that they could have any medicine in the pirates had left. Fires were at once lighted ship, to do some good for the captain. He did and the ship was under way in twenty minutes. not know if the pirates ordered him to say that. There was a fresh N.E. breeze blowing when the After receiving the valuables the pirates did not | ship got under way, about 9 o'clock p.m. After molest them any further. The door of the setting the engines in motion witness came on captain's cabin leading out on to the staircase | deck again where he saw nothing but debris was shut from the inside. The pirates pulled- amounting to about a couple of tons and to the said door so that there could be no passage | consisting of common Chinese clothes, broken the door. He did not know when the captain died passenger was missing after the affair was over, valuables were given up, that he died. The One Malay quartermaster was missing and he captain did not surrender anything, and his shirt had not since been seen. The third mate, who studs were in his shirt at the time of his death. | went aft to see what was wrong with the wheel found no aims lying about, but one of the It was not practicable to come into Hongkong. Harbour that night; they were 45 miles to the North when the pirates left them. The first' mate tried very hard to get into Hongkong that night, knowing that it was of the ulmost importance that he should do so, but owing to the rain obscuring the land it was impossible to proceed further than D'Aguilla Light. They had no boats which could be used as they had been wilfully stove in, and they could not communicate with the shore as they did not know where they were exactly. He (witness) was not injured in anyway himself, and he would not know the man who fired the shot at him as he was passing the wounded Malay at the time the attack commenced. The occupants of the captain's cabin were not much overcrowded, but there was no room to sit down. [A book of photos of Hongkong rogues was then shown to the witness who

identified one as that of the Pirate Chief.] At this point the inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at 9.30 a.m.

ARREST OR TWO PIRATES.

About noon yesterday, upon cyldence received from an informer, Detective Inspectors Stanton and Quincey arrested two men at Yau-ma-ti. The police have a strong suspicion of their being connected with the recent piracy on board the steamship Namea. They are two brothers, one of whom was recognised by Captain Melsages who discovered a band of pirates on board the steamer Stockow last year, of which wessel he, was then commander, but our local magistrate. could not find sufficient evidence at that time to justify a conviction.

The Sockow piracy case was a somewhat serious one, in which sixteen coolies were tried before a local magistrate, and although evidence of a deliberately planned attack on the Spochow was proved by the presence of revolvers, stinkpots and cutlasses in the baggage of several of the Chinese passengers, still, as the prisoners denied any connection with the dangerous goods and the evidence for the prosecution was more or less weak, they were all set at liberty.

The strongest evidence which the police have against those two men is the fact that they both left their lodgings the day previous to the piratical attack on the Names and returned there two days after it. Furthermore they refuse to give any reason for their departure or say where they were during the 10th, 11th, and 12th instants.

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE

The following full report of the discussion which took place upon the above subject at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Monday the

The Chairman Gentlemen, I have just received a note from his Excellency reminding me that, we have not yet settled the question of postal reduction, and I would ask the Council to come to some recommendation with regard to this miller, so that we may telegraph to the Secretary of State according to his desire. Mr. T. H. Whitehead-I would ask if this reduction in the rate of postage be mide here will the amount paid to other countries by Honkkong be less than now, and if so how much less! the exception of one man who denced about in a The Chairman-That is a matter I am entirely mable to answer, because it is a matter which Chief's arm and in a forcible manner urgo him will have to be settled in England, it affects

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-If we reduce our rate very much the loser not only as regards the letters sent from here but from all the treaty ports in China.

The Chairman-Yes, the treaty ports use our postage stamps.

The Acting Attorney-General-By the French mail Hongkong pays France and Egypt 1.89d. That goes to the Canal Company I presume as we do not send letters through Fgypt now. The chairman then read, the letter from the

Chamber of Commerce on the subject, which has already, been published.

The Chairman-Shall we divide the question Into two parts-first, shall we have a reduction or not, and secondly, if we agree to that, what shall the reduction be

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-Until we have some information as regards how much less we are going to pay France, Egypt and other countries, I don't see how we can come to any decision.

The Chairman-We must remember that we 'are only a very small unit in the matter. There are not only ourselves but the whole of India, the Straits, and the Australian colonies to be considered. We can represent this matter to the attention of the Postal authorities at home, but to suppose that we ourselves can make any alteration is, I am afraid, to suppose what is not likely to be effected.

The Acting Attorney-General-I see the Chan- | or five cents six months hence. I say seven cellor of the Exchequer estimates the amount | cents just now to prevent any loss: paid for foreign transit at a Id. He says-"We country; and in the colonies or in India is taken to be even more than 11d. Thus, if you add id. to the 11d, the cost of the postage will be more than old, or at least fully and we cannot recoup ourselves." He clearly states that the cost of foreign transit is only Id.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-I think it will be unfair and unjust to the ralepayers here that they should be out of pocket by the transaction. The Chairman-They will be out in one

pocket, but they will be in in the other. The Surveyor-General-It really amounts to taking it out of one pocket and putting it into the other.

Mr. P. Ryrie-How is that?

The Chairman-You get your stamps cheaper. Mr. Ho Kai-We have not only to pay for ourselves but for the Tre ty Ports.

Mr. P. Ryrie-What becomes of the A6,000 paid to the Postal Union? How is that absorbed The Chairman-I take it that goes to make up the loss that has been spoken about.

The Surneyor-General-There seems to be rather a discrepancy between the report just read, which states the amount paid to be a Id. and that given by the Assistant Postmaster. If you take the amounts given by him and add them together they come to a very much large

The Chairman - I do not think I can do more than represent to the Secretary of State what has been said. I am afraid we have not the means here of influencing the Postal Union.

Mr. T. H. Wheathead-Could the Secretary of State give us the information by telegram, as to what reduction will be made up br the other countries, if we make a reduction, say to six cents? Mr. P. Ryrle-If we are going to reduce the rates at all we should reduce them to the French and German scale.

The Chairman-I think what you ask for would make rather a long telegram to send

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-If we are going to make a reduction of a large' amount the cost of Court of Survey, which sat upon the case last the telegram would be fully justified. As we are at present we cannot fix on a rate that will

The Chairman-As we have no information to the contrary we must assume the expenses will be what they were before. It would be very desirable for these countries to reduce their rates, but there does not seem any possibility of

The Acting Attorney-General-The most probable cause for the detention of the ship. important reduction would be that of the United Kingdom. We pay them 1.67d.

The Surveyor-General-That, I think, is in consequence of the subsidies they pay to the mail steamers. The Chairman-What is the information the

I hon, member requires? Mr. T. H. Whitehead-liwe make a reduc- there was reasonable and probable cause for the tion here, what reduction will Egypt, Italy, detention. It was he admitted, within the right of France, and the United Kingdom make it what we pay them? I think it will be desirable to there appeared reasonable and probable cause fix a rate that will cover expenses. At present for such detention, and the Governor could we pay 3.001, for each loz, letter.

that will be final. If we reduce the rates now, upon the words of the Ordinance, (No. 9 of 1879) there will be nothing to prevent us reducing if it appears"-" if it appears to the Court of them further if we find we are able to do so. Survey that the ship was unseaworthy they could We must consider that we are only one among detain her. But if, by the finding of such court, a number of other countries. We might fix a "it appeared" that there was no sufficient cause certain rate, say for the next six months, and then the Governor was liable for having taken then reduce further if we get the information | the initiative, upon the suggestion of the that there is to be a reduction made by France, Attorney-General, and thereby causing the deten-Italy and the United Kingdom. My feeling is tion of the ship. The ground of liability to pay that if we were acting on our own account we might telegraph and raise these points, but seeing that there are a number of countries interested the most courteous way would be for us to make a small reduction now, and if we find that Italy, France, and Egypt are reducing their rates we can make a further reduction.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-I think such a course would be taking a step in the dark. The Chairman-No, that is not taking a step in the dark. We know exactly where we are. If these other countries make a reduction then it will turn out to be so much gain to us, but for my own part'I have very little hope that they will do so.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-For the last three years could you estimate roughly what has been the gross revenue and the gross expenditure in the Postal department? Has there been a profit Government must find reasonable and probable ar loss on the gross account for the last three

The Chairman—The revenue for 1889 \$142,000 and the expenditure for 1890 \$116,000; that would be a profit of \$26,000. I have not the other years here. Mr. P. Ryrie-This reduction will wipe off

The Chairman-It depends what rate you fix the postage at. Mr. T. H. Whitehead-I think the general

feeling is in favour of reducing the postage.

The Chairman-Suppose we divide on this question and that will clear the road. We can then consider what the rate shall be. Mr. T. H. Whitehead-I think if the information I have asked for were wired for we should be in a position to vote on the matter the next

The Surveyor-General-It would be a matter of time to gain, that information. There does not appear to be; any disposition on the part of France or Italy to reduce rates. Mr. T. H. Whitehead-The United Kingdom

might make a reduction if the matter, were referred to them. The Surveyor-General-It is not a question to be decided instantly. Mr. T. H. Whitchead-Then why are we asked

to decide this question instantly? The Surveyor-General -I believe that in India and Australia it is understood that there would be a loss by reducing the posture by one half

It follows that there must be. But by reducing the postage it is hoped that as in England and other countries such a rumber of letters would be sent that the loss would disappear.

The Chairman-That is a peculiar kind arithmetic. I thought that if the loss on one letter was 1.d. the loss on sending a hundred letters would be a hundred times that. Yours is | flames for fully two hours succeeded in getting really a most extraordinary argument.

The Attorney General-On the other hand the argument is that the Post Office should not be a source of revenue, and that by reducing the rate of postage the benefit to the general community is so great that they can bear any loss that may accrue on the carriage of letters. Mr. T. H. Whitehead-Then let us fix a rate

which is sufficient to cover expenses. The Chairman-Gentlemen. I will now ask you to vote on the question as to whether there Shall be a reduction in the rates or not.

On the question being put all members voted

in favour of it. The Chairman-The next question is what? shall the amount of the reduction be. I think Smith mignres.

Mr. J. J. Keswick-Seven cents just covers expenses, does it not? The Chairman-Yes, there would be no loss

with seven cents. Mr. P. Ryrie-Will not the Imperial Gov ernment reduce their share? The Chairman-Then we shall make a profit if they do and we can reduce the rate to six

Mr. C. P. Chater seconded. Carried unanimously. Mr. T. H. Whitehead-Will there be any

condition attached to this reduction? The Chairman-I don't think we are in a position to make conditions. It will be strongly best scores :represented that these other countries should reduce their rates.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead-The unofficial members have an agenda they wish to add on

The Chairman-If you will send it me under cover I will see that it is forwarded to the Secretary of State. "The Committee then adjourned.

> SUPREME COURT. IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

December 15th, 1890. THE POWERS OF COURTS OF SURVEY.

Kwok Atock, as owner of the British steamship Pasig, a Hongkong-Canton regular trader. brought an action against the Attorney-General wreck. in consequence of his alleged wrongful action in causing the steamer Pasie to be detained in Hongkong for four days in the mouth of February 1880 while a Court of Survey was held with view to deciding as to the seaworthiness of the said steamer which had been called in question. Mr. Edward Robinson, instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, of Messrs, Caldwell and Wilkinson appeared for the Plaintiff, and the Acting Attorney-General, Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Sakl.-ED.] instructed by Mr. Johnson, Crown Solicitor

appeared in person. Mr. Robinson in opening, said the suit was brought to recover damages to the extent of \$7,000 in respect to the wrongful detention of the steamer Patie, and the issue before His lordship was whether or not the dicision of the year, was conclusive and whether the defendant was entitled in this action to produce evidence is difficult to believe that she can be on Mela

In the course of a lengthy argument upon the question Mr. Robinson said that there were three points which he would raise :--Firstly, the fitness of the court to sit on the

case on the 5th February 1889. Secondly, the absence of reasonable and Thirdly, the liability of His Excellency the Governor to make compensation for the defeation.

which it had been shown was unjustifiable by the act of the Court in deciding that the Pasie was not in an unsafe condition. It would be for his lordship to decide whether was in the competence of the Court to find that

the Governor to cause the detention of a ship i under the Ordinance, refer the matter to a Court The Chairman-We need not do anything of Survey, which he did. The question turned costs was the same as the grounds for liability to make compensation. Mr. Ackroyd-We admit the liability as to

Mr. Robinson-The certificate of the ship was cancelled by the act of detention.

His lordship-No, the certificate was no cancelled. It was rendered inoperative for the time being.

Mr. Robinson continuing said, as to compen sation the Court of Survey could not decide the amount of compensation due; that was and within their competence. with the or washington

Mr. Ackroyd contended that the detention the skip for survey was justifiable, and that those who take the first steps in causing such survey to be held were not liable. The re wa not a word in the Ordinance to show the strike! cause for detention. The Court had to decide out. point only, namely, the question of the shine scaworthiness. It was not necessary that the Government should attend the Court of Surv and it was not liable for damages in respect to the holding of such Court, was 7. 6 25 25th His lordship-Do you mean to say that after

starting the case you can turn round and sa you are not responsible? a more and appearing Mr. Ackroyd said that an action could not be

brought against him as a party to the Court of Survey: His contention was, that as he did not take part in the Court, he could not be held i any way responsible. of the name and made, you Mr. Robinson submitted that Mer. Ackrov

was undoubtedly a party to the Court of Survey held on the Parig, and that he had no righ to say he was not responsible. If allowed be would amened "the petition" by puttin in the words "the Governor did appear, the the Attorney General." The Court of Survey could not be held responsible for the absence reasonable and probable cause, and in the absence of a finding by the Court of Survey." to compensation for unjust detention, the plaint was right in coming to this Court. Judgment was reserved.

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

About six o'cleck last might (15th inst.) when the

| was raging in the back part of the Sel Tai shop, No. 112 Queen's Road Central. In addition to burning thown part of the Sci Tai store the flames consumed No. 39. Stanley Street. The Fire Brigade under the command of Superintendent Wodehouse and Assistant Sunt. Horspool, was soon on the spot and after baffling hard with the

the fire well under control by o o'clock. The See Tai shop was insured on two policies of \$10,000 and \$5,000 in the Northern Insurance Co., for which Messrs. Hewett Co. are the agents, the latter policy having been renewed only a few days ago, while the former policy will expire, to-morrow. The house No. 39, Stanley Street was not insured and had only been occupied by its present 'tenant a few days. The amount of damage done to the See Tai shop is estimated at upwards of \$7,000. During the operations carried on by the brigade Mr. W. S. Marten appeared on the scene, as a spectator and was quietly spotted by one of the light-fingered fraternity who failing to get the coveted gold watch and chain, is now doing we cannot do better than take Mr. Sercombe six mouths hard labour at the request of Mr. Wodehouse before whom he made his salaam this morning.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The sixth competition for the Subscription Challenge Cups and Range Spoons was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., the distance being 800 and goo yards. Ten shots were fired at each range. "The Soo yards spoon was won by Mr. Mr. J. J. Keswick proposed that the rate of Ford with a score of 30 points; that at postage be reduced to seven cents for a half-i goo' yards by Constable A. Watson with 34 points. The cup was also won for the first time"in this competition by Police Constable A. Watson, who has already won the Short Rango Cup twice. Eleven members competed. The light was good, though unfortunately the wind was again pully. Appended are the five ...

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STRANDING OF THE "TOKIO MARU."

The following telegraphic advices re-necting the stranding of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's well-known Shanghai liner Tokio Maru, Capt. Drummond, were received by the N.-C. Dally News on the 9th instant.

YOKOHAMA, 9th Dec., 6.20 p.m. The Nippon Yusen Knisha's steamer Tokle Mark, Captain Drummond, ran on thore in a fog on Saturday morning, the 6th instant, to the westward of Mela Ledge. There was a terrific gale last night, and she must become a total

The Tokio Maru, a steamer well known here. and sister ship to the Yokohama Maru, must have been returning from Hakodate to Yokohama. Mela Ledge, on which she had the misfortune to strike, is a reel of rocks off Mela Head, at the southern extremity of the province of Awa, at the south-eastern corner of the island of Nippon. It is about 35-miles from Yok hama. There is a light-house close by on No Shima

In a subsequent issue, our contemporary says :-- We learn from Mr. Graham, the local agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. that he is informed by wire from Tokie that the Tokio Maru 4s badly stranded, position very serious.! She has not broken up yet apparently, and as she has survived at least one gale, there are hopes that she will eventually be got off, as she is a very strongly built ship. It Ledge, or she would have broken up long ago.

It is reasonable to suppose that there has been no loss of life. The Mercury commenting on the above, in

its issue of the 11th instant, says :-Beyond the telegram to our morning contemporary respecting the unfortunate disaster to the Tokio Maru, no turther information on the subject is at hand. The presumption of Mr. Graham, the Company's Agent here, is that the steamer was on her way from Hakodate to Yokohama, The rock upon which she struck is situated at the south-eastern extremity of Awa province, in the island of Nippon, and about 38 miles from Yokohama. There is a lighthouse quite close to those point, on No Shima Saki, which fact will make it awkward for poor Copt. Drummond, who is one of the oldest captains in the company's service, having a record of '25 years as captain without an accident of any kind. No mention being made of passengers, stells to be inferred that they are safe. The Tokio is a sister ship of the Yokohama Maru, and very popular here.

OPENING OF THE JAPANESE

The following is a translation of the Peers! Address to the Emperor, in reply to His Majesty's speech at the opening of the Diet :-

REPLIES TO THE EMPEROR'S SPEECH

May it please Your Gracious Majesty !-We, Your Majesty's loyal and fulthful servants, the Members of the House of Peers, most humbly and respectfully desire to present an address to Your August and Enlightened Majesty. Your Gradous Majesty's virtues are daily becoming more illustrious, Your Majesty has been pleased to promulgate a great charter and establish the Dict. thereby to collect the lideas of the many, and to promote, in Wend cert with the people, the progress loft the country. And now Your Gracious Majesty has been further pleased to call dogether both the Houses of the Diet, and to honour the House of Peers with Your Majesty's presence therein for the purpose of celebrating the opening ceremony, and has, moreover, been pleased to do us the honour of addressing to us Your Majesty's benevolent Speech. We. Your Gracious Majesty's servants, wishing with all our heast for the presperity of the Empire, and praying for the happiness of Your Majesty's subjects, most humbly pray that we may be permitted to offer our advice for Your Mejesty's wise consideration, by expressing our humble opinions in strict accordance with the Great Charter: oThus most worthipfully have we ventured to address Your Gracious Majesty in reply to Your Majesty's benevolent Spetch." The reply of the House of Representatives

was much shorter. It ran as follows :-of Wan most respectfully beg to express our unbounded gratitude and satisfaction that Your Majesty has deigned to open the Imperial Dict and to address to us, Your Majesty's subjects, a gracious Message. We humbly assure Your Majesty: that no exertions shall henceforth be walking pon our part to fully discharge our legislative responsibilities, and to be faithful to the trust repesed in us by our Sovereign and by the people of His realm."

snaThese : Replies were carried to the Palace on thought distant by Count Ito, President of the House of Poers, and Mr. Nakajima, President of the House of Representatives. The Emperor's answer was brief, but we (Japan Mall) bave not yet procured an authenic version of it.

CHANCE FOR THE REFORMERS.

THERE will shortly be a favorable opportunity for the Hon. Mr. WHITEHEAD and his unofficial colleagues to again grapple with the "Acting" appointment difficulty. It is understood that Mr. H. E. WODEHOUSE will shortly go home on four months' leave-which period of time will, according to prevailing custom, probably be doubled before that energetic official resumes his duties. His departure will create vacancies in the several appointments of Police Magistrate, Coroner, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, and Colonial Treasurer, the last named office carrying with it a seat in the Legislative Council and within this colony the right to be styled 'honorable.' Mr. Wonzhouse is, and notably with the outside public, deservedly the most generally popular, as he is one of the most independent and most straightforward officers in the Hongkong Government service; and it is probably on this account that his somewhat frequent lengthy absences from the sphere of his duties during the past dozen years have been so particularly noticed and commented on, especially in official circles. It would be too much to say that the old Student Interpreter of the "sixties" has proved an altogether unqualified success on the Magistracy, bench, but he has nevertheless done his work carefully. conscientiously and, as a whole, in a manner that has done credit to the administration of justice and substantially justified the somewhat unusal circumstances under which he received the appointment. It will be remembered by old residents that about ten years ago Mr. Worthouse, who then held the substantive appointments of Clerk of Councils and Chief Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office, was unfortunate enough to fall under the displeasure of Governor HENNESSY, and as the matter in dispute could not be satisfactorily adjusted here, he went to London and laid his grievance before the Secretary of State for the Colonies. position at that time held by the Earl of KIMBERLEY. As a result of this course of action Mr. Wodehouse returned to Hongkong as Police Magistrate to which post he was appointed specially in order to be independent of and beyond any direct interference from the Governor. Without legal training, and handicapped by a good natured but distinctly pronounced obstinacy, the new magistrate naturally made mistakes at first; but with characteristic perseverance he industriously studied, not merely the ordinances of the colony, but what is equally important, the leading phases of Chinese character and custom, and with fairly satisfactory results both to himself and the Government. Mr. Workhouse's appointment to the Superintendentship of the Fire Brigade was undoubtedly a bare-faced job; as at that time he knew absolutely nothing of the duties and there were other and more competent officers who had much better claims. It is but just to admit, however, that the new Superintendent devoted much time and energy to his Fire Brigade duties, and entered so thoroughly into the practical working details of this important department that he has not only brought it to a plich proficiency that it had never previously attained, but has by hard work made himself a most efficient chief and one of the most courageous and best all-round -firemen in the Brigade. As Coroner and Chairman of the Bench of Justices, Mr Wonkhouse has faithfully performed his duties according to his lights, and it may be doubted whether any other Government official could have done much better. Why this gentleman was selected for the acting appointment of Colonial Treasurer is not clearly apparent, unless we are to conclude that it was intended as a special compliment and an act of courtesy to the only remaining Student Interpreter who the ship, and whose worldly possessions were so had not been honored with a seat in the Legislative Council, and that is probably the true explanation.

how Government appointments can be manipulated when necessary, and for the Information of the unofficial members o Council. The Police Magistrates were included in Mr. WHITEHEAD's list officials, proposed to be in future debarred from any position outside their own departments, and these interesting particulars respecting Mr. Wodenouse's official responsibilities, besides very strongly suggesting grounds for careful cogitation will be valuable when the acting appointment question again comes up discussion. It was reported a few days ago that a certain member of the bar would act as locum tenens at the Magistracy during Mr. Wodehouse's absence but as there is no salary attached to the position Herbert and E. G. Young did very well. The for the first four months-Mr. WODEHOUSE goes home on full pay-, the proposed arrangement has fallen through, and there is still a vacancy for an amateur magistrate who will be satisfied with the hard work and the honor without the emoluments of the position. This sort of arrangement we would submit, Is scarcely the way in which such an important appointment as a police magistrate should be dealt with. Doubtless Mr. A. G. Wiss will take over the duties of Coroner and Chairman of the Great Unpaid, but fresh appointments will have to be made for the Fire Brigade and Colonial Treasury. As there will be no salary attached to the Fire Brigade billet, it may be at once concluded that the Deputy Superintendent, Mr. GRORGE HORSFOOL, will be appointed Acting Chief without opposition. The Colonial Treasurership is a horse of quite another colour; Mr. Wodz-benefit of the salary and also the other exceptional privileges, without adding anything to his present duties, the entire work of the Treasurer having for years | Only six of the "Singapore team," had faced

M. Drank will have no seat in the Legislative Council when he returns to his duties as Captain Superintendent of Police, he will probably succeed Mr. Wodenouse as Treasurer-until the latter returns from London with the permanent appointment in his pocket. We do not aspire to the gift of prophecy, but this forecast of coming events that most decidedly 'cast their shadows before, will, nevertheless prove fairly accurate. It will be a good thing, for the colony when the Treasury becomes a section of the Colonial Secretary's department; and our suggestion of years ago that the Deputy Superintendent o Police should be permanent Chief of the Fire Brigade is still worthy of serious consideration.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

.THE aristocratic skipper of a junk who tried to slide out of the harbour of Shau-ki-wan on the roth inst. without a clearance permit, had to face the music at the Harbour Office on the 17th where the Acting Harbour Master caused him to contribute \$7 to Her Gracious's Revenue.

We are informed on what may be considered as reliable authority that at the meeting of the shareholders in the East Borneo, Songei Koyah, and Lamag Planting Companies, held yesterday at the offices of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. the sale of the three estates to a London Syndicate for £40,000 cash was unanimously approved of. Formal meetings will be called forthwith for the purpose of ratifying this sale.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another column the Gymnasium Committee of the V. R C. intend having what may be termed a "boxing entertainment " on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd insts. That the arrangements are in the hands of Mr. C. H. Thompson—who is a bit of a scientist himself-is a guarantee that everything will be conducted in a satisfactory manner, an as for fun, there should be lots of it; for no less than ten aspirants for puglistic fame have metaphorically speaking, thrown down the gauntlet. There will also be an exhibition of gymnastics and fencing.

THE news of the stranding of the P. & O. Co. steamship Hongkong which we published on the roth inst. was quite correct. The Singapore Free Press just to hand gives further particulars of the occurrence. The vessel is believed to have struck the Azalea rock, close to the easterly point of the island of Perim, and is reported to be badly ashore. She was in command of Capt. Watkins and carried a general cargo but no passengers. The Hongkong was built in May, 1889, by Messrs. Caird & Co., of Greenock, her gross tonnage being 3,174 or 2,046 net. She was classed roo At at Lloyds and was built under special survey.

In our last night's (16th inst.) issue we published an advertisement notifying those whom it concerned, that there would be a meeting of shareholders in the Lamag, Songei Koyah and East Borneo Companies at the offices of Messrs Gibb. Livingston & Co. to-day, and as is the usual custom our representative duly attended the meeting for the purpose of taking a report of the proceedings. The meetings of all public companies are invariably reported, unless special notice is given that the business to be transacted is of a private nature. We mention this fact for the benefit of Messrs. Layton, Wicking & Co.; for our timeis a trifle too valuable just now for us to attend meetings for the purpose of being teld-and that with scant courtesy toothat we can quietly "get."

TEN "Japs" who eked out a precarious existance as curio-dealers in Sydney have just fallen into fortune's way, and in a manner too, that would cause boly mummers to lift their hands aloft "Astor House," and sigh regretfully that the acts of Providence are so hard to fathom. The representatives of the "Land of the Rising Sun "took a £1 ticket in one of the gigantle Cup sweeps that are now recognised institutions in Australia, and drew-Carbine, the winning horse, whose net value to them was £25,000. The lucky "Japs" held high revel for some days, kept open house, and donated three or four hundred pounds to hospital and other charitable institutions, and needless to say disposed of their stock-in-trade, and are now on their way home to enjoy the fortune they won through the devil's agency.

For some reason the authorities appear to have utterly scouted the idea of getting evidence i connection with the Namoa tragedy from any of the numerous passengers who were on board ruthlessly annexed by the plrates. Yesterday one of the passengers, who had been robbed of upwards of \$2,000, turned up at the Police Court for the purpose of giving evidence at the We have gone into these details to show I official inquiry that is now dragging its weary course along, but at the conclusion of the proceedings, at tiffin-time, the inquiry was adjourned until next Tuesday, the 23rd instant, and the weary and worn celestial was allowed to "get without having an opportunity of placing hi testimony on record. This man is said to be penniless and his neither means of support nor the wherewithal to get back to his home near Swatow-a pretty hard case and one worthy of the consideration of the Douglas Company if not of our "guardians of the peace."

> THE Cricket match which commenced yesterday afternoon (x2th inst.) between the "Singapore team" and the "Stay at Home's" was continued this afternoon. For the "Singapore team" Capt. Dunn, S.-L. Darby, C. S. Barff and A. G. Boyle got well up into double figures, making 64, 44 43 and 40 respectively, while for the "Stay at Home's" Capt. Carden. R. B. Garde. R.

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been most efficiently performed by the the bowler at seclock, when the stamps were officers and engineers came to the conclusion chief clerk, Mr. CARVALHO, As Mr. W. I drawn.

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H.M.S. Alacrity, Capt. Adair, with Vice-Admira1 Sir Nowelt Salmon, K.C.B., Lady Salmon, Miss Salmon and Miss Saunders, on board, arrived in port from Shanghal on the 15th inst.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endone the apinions expressed by Correspondents in this column].

THE SHOCKING PIRACY AFFAIR. To THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR,-After reading the report, in your "Extra," of the dastardly acts of pirates on board the Namoa while on the high seas tetween this port and Swatow yesterdiy, and gathering thereby an idea of the skilful and complete arrangements made by the villains was carried out their deadly intentions with such complete success; bearing in mind, too, the sad affair, of a similar nature, that occurred on board the Greyhound in October of 1885 I, and doubtless many others also, have come to the conclusion that some thorough preventive measures are an absolute necessity. As in the Greyhound affair, so in the case of the Namoa, the dastardly ruffians all went on board the steamer, in this colony, as passengers, carrying with them their deadly weapons either in

their bogus baggage or concealed on their Now it is clear that the danger to which the travelling public and scafaring people are exposed, when sailing out of Hongkong, can only be removed by striking at the very root of the evil, which lies in the fact that there are not sufficient means at the Government's disposal to prevent passengers from going on board vessels with arms and ammunition. In the ports of China and Japan this can be, and is, prevented by the Customs officers, but nothing of the kind is done here. Even after the shocking revelations in connection with the Greyhound piracy no steps were taken to prevent a repetition of those herrible atrocities. I maintain, and with reason, that a preventive service should be inaugurated here, and no ship be allowed to sai from the waters of this colony until every passenger and all the passengers' baggage has been thoroughly searched and the whole ship carefully "inspected,-not only by the regular preventive officers, but also by special detectives. Had this been done years ago neither the Greyhound nor Namon affairs would have cropped up to cast an indelible blot upon our shipping regulations and police system

Thanking you in anticipation for favouring me with space in your columns for the publication of these suggestions made in the interests of the travelling public and those who "go down to the sea in ships,"

OBSERVER.

Hongkang, 11th December, 1890.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

. To THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPM." SIR.—Seeing a paragraph in the Shanghat Merury (taken from your paper) about the breakdown of the Flectric light, I should like to ask the energetic Manager of your Electric Light Company how it was that, the external circuit was not tested for insulation, and why the Dynamo is placed on "earth," instead of on some kind of insulation? It is plain to me that the fault occurred in the field magnets of the Dynamo, due to the external circuit coming in contact with the lamp post. If the two external wires had made. "earth," the current would have passed through the automatic regulator and consequently dropping the E.M.F. to suit the lamps in circuit. I have seen the engineer in the Shanghal Electric Station working five lamps on a 2,600 volt machine. But, of course, practice makes

Yours truly. FRED. BENWELL

pefect, and I have no doubt if the Company in

Hongkong continues for a time the management

Shanghai, 12th December, 1890.

will gain experience.

GUN-BOAT HUMBUG AND OFFICIAL SHUFFLING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR.—Gunboat humbug is, I submit the only term applicable to the conduct of the nava authorities in connection with the shocking piracy on board the Namoa last Wednesday. The Namea got back here at 8 o'clock on Thursday a.m. and it was not (mirabile dictu) until the following morning (Friday) that H.M.S. Linnet, was despritched to the scene of the outrage! Seeing that some of our fleetest and best equipped gunhouts and cruisers lay in harbour, as usual doing nothing stall, it is more than strange that such lethargy was shown in this matter. The First Lord of the Admiralty will doubtless have to answer a ques tion or two on the subject in the House of Commons at no very distant date. Let the general

public hope so, at any rate, Had a gun-boat been despatched promply It is probable that some of the fiends who authorties went arm-in-arm with them. The turned a British vessel into a perfect hell would | unfortunate Namos arrived here at 7.30 a.m. on have been caught and brought to that justice which they so surely merit. As to official shuffling, at 6 a.m. the following morning when a British there cannot be any doubt as to the applica- war vessel could be got away. Possibly the bility of that term to the Government and police, for the Namoa disaster is but the natural was impossible for her to get away before, if so sequence of the utter disregard of preventive it does not say much for the naval administrameasures ever since the sad affair on board the I tion of the port, that the entire squadron Grayhound but five short years ago.

Your correspondent "Observer" is perfectly ably expect that one, if only one, might be correct in his assertion that a preventive service. | available on an emergency at a moment's notice. run upon much the same lines as a Customs | Where were the much talked of torpedo vessels? Service, should be in augurated here without delay. The weather was such that a steam launch and such a service should receive the support | would have found no difficulty in steaming of shipowners, underwriters, the general public | within a few hours to the position where the atand the Government. But-yes that terrible tack had been made and were the pirates where procrastingling but ever comes in-who will last seen heading in-shore. Then again, where do it? Who will move the Government? Will the was the Fame, let alone the fine fleet of steam Government move in the matter and call upon | vessels in harbour available and capable of the general public to accord that sympathy to being rapidly made sufficiently efficient for the the steps taken as shall cause the scheme to search? We leave Admiral (we dub him so for be put in force promptly, and thus prevent a this occasion) Sam Brown to consider why recurrence of the Namoa disaster? These are | this fine colonial steamer was permitted to be questions worthy of some consideration. Thanking you for publishing this note.

Yours, etc., A TAXPAYER. Hongkong, 13th December, 1890.

ANOTHER GRIEVANCE. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,-As I and many others can but view with alarm the suggestions of the public Press relative to the necessity for officers of merchant steamers to turn themselves into Custom House searchers, and be compelled to "go through" all Chinese passengers' baggage etc. whenever a steamer is sailing either from Singapore or Hongkong, I trust you will do me the favour to allow me space in your columns for a protest against any such conversion, or subversion, of the mercantile marine officer.

As a matter of fact many of my brother officers urged shipowners to cause the Government to adopt strict preventive measures just after the perpetration of atrocities on board the Graykound in 1885, and nothing came of it. For a while rifles, revolvers, daggers, etc. were " all the go, much to the advantage of local arms-dealers, but after a while not only ablpowsers, but also underwriters, the travelling public and that a rectifience of such an outrage of board a

British ship could not possibly happen again. And so all went on in a happy-go-lucky way until last Wednesday when the Namoa was scized by a gang of men who were led, it now appears, by the very man who was the ringlender in the Greyhound affair | Further comment is unnecessary, suffice it to say that as far as I know at present marine officers will object (and that may mean something serious) to being turned into Customs House runners and searchers. They have quite enough-to do for the pittance they receive for working week days and Sundays, and they will hardly now submit to the new duties that it is proposed to impose on them. It is for the shipowners and the Government-both of whom have been guilty of what I, and many others, can but term wanton negligence-to employ, some other means prevent these outrages, than by putting work on the shoulders of the officers of ships, As we have no Customs officers here, then let the Government start a proper preventive service. The preventive officers could be used for two purposes at least: Firstly, to search Chinese passengers and their baggage; and, even a point higher. secondly, to prevent ships working on Sunday

A BRITISH OFFICER. Hongkong, 15th December, 1890.

—which is a duty that must cre long be

Thanking you for the insertion of this letter.

provided for, unless I am very much mistaken.

THE PEAK TRAM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir.—I think it is high time that some notice was taken respecting the management of the High Level Tramway Company. Yesterday (Monday) the cars did not run at 12.15 or at 12.30 p.m. for the stupid reason that there were no European-only Chinese, passengers. Now had arranged that my foreman should meet me at a certain house on the Peak, and after waiting three-quarters of an hour he arrived and explained that he could not get a tram owing to the reason already stated. Is this management or mismanagement? If time-tables are issued and advertised for the information of the public they should surely be adhered to—even if those who lay themselves under an obligation to the Company by paying for a passage are Chinamen. It was not only a matter of great inconrenience to me, but was time wasted and money

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

. A BUSINESS MAN. Hongkong, December 16th, 1890.

THE LATE PIRACY CASE.

. To the Éditor of the "Hongkovg Telegraph."

Sir.—Reverting to the fiendish atrocity lately perpetrated on board the steamship Namoa, it is indeed passing strange, that the Cantonese sertion of the crew, under the circumstances, who were more or less unmolested and who enjoyed such opportunities for observing the character of the piratical vessels, should have possessed such singular opaqueness of vision, as not to be able to swear as to the type, rig. discription, number, or indeed anything about the vessels whatever. The compradoric and steward's staff on board these vessels are liberally and particularly well treated class, yet when they witness even the most kindly and indulgent, of masters brutally murdered, they persist in maintaining a reserve which is certainly assisting to frustrate the ends of justice. Moreover, it is a well known fact that the most demoniacially planned attacks by some means or other get rumoured about amongst natives, indeed it not infrequently becomes a matter almost of gossip, but in this case no word of warning or caution was given. taken with the fact that the Chinese on board with one or two exceptions, were in no way maltreated and some were even rewarded by the wretches when departing were, I consider, significant enough features in the case to remark upon. We next come to the extraordinary supineness shown by the civil and naval Authorities of the colony, especially by the former in not promptly offering a suitable reward which was one of the most effective means at their disposal for speedily bringing the miscreants to justice. When we consider the hundreds of thousands of dollars squandered on the public works of this colony, surely a few hundred dollars should have been forthcoming from the Treasury at such a juncture, affecting as it does the whole commercial interests of the port

The Chinese people are second to none in their

appreciation of the almighty dol'ar, a liberal

reward promptly offered was the only way to break down this "race unionism" so to speak, premium, sellers. of the wily Celestial. Certainly the occasion called for a better display of energy and consipremium, buvers. deration for what is the consequence here, of this band of desperadoes being still at large, ready premium. no doubt to continue further deadly outrages by the immunity they have enjoyed in the present Limited-\$130 per share, sellers. affair. Unfortunately the Executive were not alone in this conspicious lack of energy and as we must observe, conception of duty. The naval per share, nominal. -\$24 per share, sellers. the morning after the catastrophe and it was only Linnet had some defect to make good and it per share, sellers. should be hors de combai ; we may reason-Company-\$80 per share, buyers. Limited—\$85 per share, sales. per share, buyers. share, buyers. Cruickshank & Co., Ld. -\$40 per share, nom. -to per cent, dis., sellers. idle at her auchors on such a pregnant occasion. Had the Fame been under the control of an able Harbour Master like Captain Rumsey, which The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ld.she should be, no such grievous exhibition \$18 per share, sellers. of indifference would have to be deplored. One can fairly assure the authorities that the blood thirsty pirates in the early days of this colony had no such good times as they have at per share, buyers. present, even though the "venerable hills" The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ld.-\$7? opposite did blaze forth the oriflamme and per share, sellers. transmit the signal from hill to hill along the coast whenever a gunboat lighted her fires. We also recollect how different was the action of the naval authorities of the port here on the occasion of the Shameen riots. The Captain of the river steamer arrived in port at 6.30 a.m., the share sellers. day after the riot and immediately communicated with the senior Naval officer, both the " Swift and "Rspoir" were underweigh by 8.30 a.m. although a typhoon was almost raging at the time. It might have been hoped, on the eye of the colony's Jubilet, that we should have made a per share, sellers. better show with the right arm of the state, than

AN INDIGNANT BRITON Houghous, December 17th, 1190,

authorities are to be believed.

Yours faithfully,

we have done, and it is but poor consolation to

feel we are apparently no worse off than they

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THE WEEK'S SHARE BUSINESS.

Hongkong, December 13th. As was anticipated in our last report the local share market has been decidedly active during the past week and some very large transactions have been negotiated. The general tone of the market has been good and prices remain steady. Banks of course have been the principal operative stock and a large number of shares have changed hands at different rates. There are now strong cash buyers' at 257 per cent, and on time they are also wanted at 266 per cent. for February and 269 per cent, for March.

New Issue, have also advanced to \$167 per share and are very difficult to get at

Marines:-China Traders have been done at 64 for cash and further shares are now wanted. The other stocks remain unchanged.

In Fires, Hongkong's are wanted at 330 and Chinas at 87.

Steamboats were done at 361 and further shares are wanted at this rate. Mining: Imuris were done at 103 and closed with buyers. Other mining stocks

are for the present neglected. Borneos-Labuks are in strong demandat \$27. In Songei Koyahs sales at 8 have been effected while East Borneos

are neglected at $7\frac{1}{2}$. Trust and Loan.—A fair number of shares changed hands at from \$19 to \$20 for December and from \$20 to \$21 for March. The Market closed strong at 191 for December.

Appended are the latest quotations. CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

longkong and Shanghal Bank, 260 per cent. -premium, buyers.

Hongkong and Shanghal Bank, New Issue-\$270 per share, buyers. Union Insurance Society of Canton-\$63 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company-\$64 per share, buyers. North China Insurance—Tis. 340 per share,

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$118 per share, buyers. Vangusze Insurance Association—Tis. 70 per share, buyers. On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 150

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company-\$335 per share, buyers. China Fire insurance Company—\$87 per share,

per share.

Hongkong and Whampos Dock Company--\$84 per cent. premium, buyers. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. -\$36} per share, buyers,

Thina and Manila Steam Ship Company-130 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers. Honekone Hotel Company-\$170 per share

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25, per cent, discount, sellers. Douglas Steamship Company-\$48 per share,

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$173 per share, buyers, Luron Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$96 per share, buyers. Hongkong Ice Company-\$05 per share,

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited -380 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers. S. Watson & Co., Limited-\$22} per share,

hingse Imperial Loan of 1884 B-24 per cent Chinese Imperial-Loan of 1884 C-5 per cent

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-11 per cent. Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ld. \$25 Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Ld. -\$1.25 pershare, Imuris Mining Co., Ld.—\$10} per share, sellers. The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited-\$1:

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$500 per share,

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited-\$12

H. G. Brown & Co., Ld.—\$61 per share, sellers. The Sangel Koyah Planting Co., Ld. -\$11 per

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal. The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ld. The Chins-Borneo Co., Ld.—\$8 per share

The Green Island Cement Co .- \$20 per share, The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ld. \$91

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited-\$12 per share, The West Point Buildings Co., Ld. -\$30 per The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ld.-\$20 per

The Labuk Planting Co., Ld.-\$30 per share The Lamag Planting Co., Ld. \$9 per share, The Jelehu Mining and Trading Co., Ld. 32

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ld. 31.70 per share, sellers. The Shamoon Hotel Co., Ld. nominal. The Kowloom Land Investment Co., Ld-\$11 per share, sellers.

The Trust and Loan Co, of China and Japan .--

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1890.

popular delusion in this colony, is what is of union between; them and the vast conveniently, and for lack of a more majority of rate-payers. An exception appropriate name termed public opinion, to these sweeping assertions may, This is a confirmed article of faith, an perhaps, be found in the case of the poet Burns. "Far te it from me" (he says) almost universal fetish; from the head of the Chinese Member; the existence the Government down to the petty scribbler of a very strong Chinese public opinion who is responsible for the comical and in our midst has been sufficiently strangely diluted productions which the I demonstrated in the past to admit of any readers of the Daily Press have to swallow | doubt now, and as Dr. Ho Kar is the duly as editorials with the matutinal bloater; elected representative of his nationals, his yet, so far as the British community position in the councils of the colony is as is concerned, it has no tangible existence. unique as it is gratifying to Chinese -as we have said, it is, a popular delusion. | aspirations. | Members of the Legislative There are no well defined "classes" in Council nominated by the Government political and social factor which at home | safeguards of public versus official

direct, the machine of local government. they are not the elect of the rate-payers, In fact to put the matter in the plainest words, there is only one class here that is permitted to represent anything or anybody, and its members have acquired, after years of experience, the happy knack of carefully and most effectually representing themselves collectively, and their respective interests individually. Hongkong has a self-constituted sort of political upper class of limited dimensions, comprising the leading merchants, two or three bank managers and wealthy landowners, some few high-toned stockbrokers and general "jobbers," and Mr. JNO. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., a numerous middleclass, which includes store-keepers, the 'legal" and medical practitioners, the drudges of the Fourth Estate, architects and surveyors, commission agents an auctioneers, the unclassed array of clerks and what are called assistants, the rank and file of the once all-powerful but now greatly depreciated army of sharebrokers, a limited number of resident engineers, shipwrights, etc., a variety of hotel and innkeepers, and persons engaged i several other occupations. Of the real laboring classes, "the backbone and sinew" of the British nation according to fervid orators at election times, we have none outside the Chinese, and the potent vox populi of the ancient Romans consequently as dead as Queen Anne. As the members of the lower middle class are to a very great extent dependent for their worldly success on the patronage and support of the influential 'upper house, and scarcely can say that their souls are their own without giving grievous offence to their patrons, it has come to pass that, any political views as to rights of citizenship, or ideas of manly independence they may have once believed in, have been crushed out; the soothing influence of the almighty dollar has achieved a mos decisive and notable victory. The actua situation is therefore easy to define; there is only the dominant class recognised in the colony as having any rights or privileges whatever-beyond that doubtful privilege of being graciously permitted to paya most outrageous taxation,-which the lower orders equally enjoy, so that the personal desires of the three or four wirepullers who effectually control the rest of Nous Autres, form that convenient excuse for so many errors of commission and omission—so-called public opinion.

All that we have just set down is perfectly well known, and although the position is rather an ignoble one, it is nevertheless generally submitted to with a fairly good grace, on the principle that what cannot be cured must be endured. There are naturally some unruly dissentients; but these are superciliously régarded as iconoclasts, rabid advocates of the universal rights of man, opponents of the one law for the rich and another for the poor theory and practice, believers in the equal claims of all tax-payers to the recognised privileges of citizenshipand are accordingly marked 'dangerous and ruthlessly stamped out of existence whenever a favorable chance occurs. But if it is the case, as we contend, that public opinion has no tangible existence-outside occasional independent press utterances it must necessarily follow that local

institutions such as the Legislative Council and the Sanitary Board, which are supposed to reflect that opinion, are very inadequate representatives of the citizens and the colony's interests. And that is the precise impression we wish to convey to our readers. The official class is matters political represent the Government alone; the public welfare, or what is supposed to be the public welfare, is no doubt the goal to be reached, but apart from all personal ideas the officials must reach that goal in exact accordance with their instructions. They are allowed no satitude whatever; but whether the policy is good or bad, they represent something definite, and their positions, however much in need of amendment, are at least comprehensible. It is not so with the unofficial representatives; each member must be credited with working as he considers best for the common end, but as a body they have no recognised organization, no defined duties or obligations either to the general public or to each ONE of the greatest, as it is the most other, and in fact there is no actual bond

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and it will hardly be denied that this is a very singular anomaly in these levelling pore for this port at 5.30 p.m. yesterday. and enlightened days. The necessity for the right of Government nomination in appointing unofficial legislative councillors, if it ever really existed, has no longer any raison d'être even in Crown colonies; and agth inst. we believe that Hongkong is absolutely the last important station that is still burdened with these galling and unconstitutional fetters. The same argument applies, if in a tesser degree, to the members of Council elected respectively by the Justices of the Peace and the Chamber of Commerce. They may represent the views of these two institutions, but that does not mean that they must also of necessity equally represent the general community. The ipse dixit of Governor Bowzy, that this method of selection was the only form of popular election practicable in Hongkong, was like a great many, more of that foolish old gentleman's frothy enunciations, a compound of inexcusable ignorance and careless misrepresentation. It had the effect, however, of introducing a baneful "class," system in our local]?government which would not have been tolerated elsewhere, and of swamping the natural and legitimate aspirations of the community for an elective Municipal Council like those in other colonies, to manage all local affairs. The time is now ripe for important reforms in this'direction, and the return to the colony of Governor DES VOLUX is a fitting opportunity to begin the good work. There is sufficient influence, ability and energy amongst the despised middle lower class to effect any measure of reason able reform against all opposition, if these qualities are only properly applied. We have debating, literary and other societies flourishing in our midst; we have lately seen a Marine Officers' Association become a power in the colony; and a powerful

TELEGRAMS.

Institution of Marine Engineers has, in

keeping with the spirit of the times, just

sprung into existence for the purpose of

protecting the interests of that influential

body. The formation of a Political Club

or Society would present no insuperable

difficulties, and under capable manage-

ment would probably obtain within a few

months important measures of reform that

the Government, if left to itself and the

influences of the favored few who are at

present enjoying privileges that belong to

the many, will probably 'sleep 'on" for

AMERICAN FINANCE. LONDON, December 16th.

Silver Securities are advancing at New Yor owing to the belief that legislative action w prove favourable.

> (From Singapore Papers.) THE IRISH PARTY.

LONDON, December 7th. A split in the Parnellite party has taken place, fifty four members elected Mr. Justin Mc arth as Chairman, and thirty-one confirmed the election of Mr. Parnell as Chairman. A mat feste by the Bishops condemning Mr. Pamell has been read in the Irish churches. M Gladstone declines to state his intentions in the matter of Home Rule until the question of the leadership of the Irish Party is settled.

> THE PARNELLITE SPLIT. December oth.

Mr. Justin McCariby yesterday occupied Mr. Parnell's seat in the House of Commons. Mi Parnell intends going to Ireland to address meetings in the chief towns.

RAUB.

SINGAPORE, December 10th. The following telegram, being a condensation of the report for the fortnight ending 6th inst., was received in Singapore yesterday, and was

forwarded to Brisbane. Kuala Kubu, December 9th. Work progressing as usual. Prospects remain unchanged. Battery stopped three days awing to foods. Pumps able to keep mine dry.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Thibit left Bombay on the 16th inst. at noon for this port.

WE note the name of Mr. J. D. Clark, Editor and Proprietor of the Shangkai Mercury, amongst the passengers booked through Shanghal by the M. M. Co.'s steamer Sydney which arrived in port this morning.

MR. CLADSTONE has been giving his opinion of "to judge or to deny that Burns was religious. I am glad to see that he even acknowledges a Saviour. I am not a fair judge. As for myself, I build upon historical Christianity the great world fact of 1800 years."

so greatly influences, if it does not actually | purely personal interests; but in any case I the most interesting ever held in Happy Valley. | in German

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. courteously informs us that the steamship Pekin, with the next English mail, left Singa-

THE agents (Messrs, Carlowitz & Co.) Inform us that the Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer Bormida, from Bombay, left Singapore for Hongkong this morning, and is due on the

CANON Scott Robertson figures it out that 1889 people in the British Isles have given £1.301,306 for foreien mission work. He estimates that about £670 000 of this came from members of the Church of Darkest England.

Over 200 clergymen of various denominations have issued, through the Leeds Mercury, at appeal on the subject of gambling and betting, They beg their fellow-townsmen to eschew these evils in all forms. Leeds, they declare, has been mentioned among the places where the cvll is

THE weather to-day was hardly what could be termed favorable for an enjoyable outing on the water, being both cold and windy. A good number, however, availed themselves of the invitation of the V. R. C. committee and natronized the Marina which had been specially chartered to act as Flagship. A full report will

THE Descrit News of Salt Lake, official organ of the Mormon Church, does not indors President Woodruff's manifesto against plura marriages. The editor of the News served two years in the Penitentiary to atone, for his plural marriages, while President Woodruff and George Q. Cannon left the Territory. He cannot be expected to enthuse over a manifesto which does not affect him or save him from the "persecution endured for the church.

Aproposof Mrs. Bonanza Mackay's recent action for libel against a paper which said she used to wash for her living, a Yankee journalist alludes to her as "the mother-iu-law of a Colonne trembling at the shadow of a washboard," an says that "in the estimation of a reflective being the story of the wash-tub would add as much the interest attaching to Mrs. Mackay's per sonality as that which Andrew Carnegie gair from the story of his entering Pittsburg on for with a loaf of bread under each, arm."

THERE are no "sturdy beggars" who can compare for brazen effrontery and hog-like pertina city with the aristrocratic mendicant. The death of Mrs. Charles Grey has afforded example of the indecent rapacity of this class Mrs. Grey had for many years occupied one of the best apartments in St. James's Palace Within a few hours of her death being announced there were literally scores of applicants for the apartments, and before the funeral had taken place they could be counted by hundreds, and were assailing personally, by letters and by telegrams, every human being whom they conceived likely to aid them in the struggle. This ravenous horde will (Truth says) be disappointed, for I have reason to believe that the Oucen has decided to offer Mrs. Grey's apartments to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

THE Times reports that Mr. Bryce Douglas, managing director of the Naval Construction America and reports that he has secured the assassins was a native doctor. subsidy from the Dominion Government for a fast Atlantic line, which will require four large twin-screw steamers, whose speed will not be less than 20 knots. The scheme also embraces a line of fast steamers between Vancouver and the Australian colonies, touching at the Sandwich and the Fill islands, for which a separate subsidy has been voted by the Canadian Parliament, and negotiations are now pending with the Australian Governments for their quota of the subsidy, which will, no doubt. be forthcoming, as the time to Australia will be reduced by the Canadian route by about three days. It is proposed that the steamers shall call at Brisbane as the nearest port, and from this point the line will be connected with the Australian rallway systems: The Naval Construction and Armaments Company have received an order from Messra, James Little and Co., Glasgow and Barrow, for building a steamer of 3,300 to-s, which will be engined by Mestre. Westray and Copeland, Barrow.

AT the Legislative Council meeting on Saturday the Orders of the Day will be ;-Financial Minutes.

Report of the Finance Committee. Hon. T. H. Whirehead will ask the following question:—will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing the aggregate amount of Light Dues collected from 1st January to 31st March last, both days inclusive, and from 1st April to 30th November last, also both days

4. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the naturalization of Lai Siu

5. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the naturalization of Chol Wai, otherwise Choi Tsun."

6. Third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 13 of 1860, for the establishment of a Civil List." Committee on the Bill entitled " The Gambling Ordinance, 1800." Committee on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance

to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy."

A MEETING of Anarchists took place at New on November 11th, 1887." Thousands of persons, gathered, mostly poor Polish Jews. The building was packed and hundreds were turned

GREAT festivities are being planned for the is fixed for November 1891,

LUSCOMBE Scarelle tells the London Topical Times that he's been shipwrecked twice-once through his piano-playing, which caused the captain and crew to neglect their duty. He also received in fights with the natives in the car ly days of the Palmer goldfield, in Queensland. I have large cicatrice on the back of my leg. I got this at a place called Hell's Gate, on the road from Cook town, in a narrow defile of rocks where the black used to wait for us, and we had to fight for our lives. They, however, preferred the Chinese to Europeans. Once the blacks caught a dozen them, put them in pens, fattened them on rice and demolished them one at a time. reason of the their preference for the Celestials was that their diet, being principally composed of rice and vegetables, they were more palatable than Europeans fed'on meat." Good old yarn let us embrace thee. How oft have we me

About three months ago we published correspondence from Korea to the effect that Mr. Greathouse, U. S. Consul-General at Yokohama had virtually accepted the appointment of Vice-President of the Korean Home Office-whatever that may mean. Confirmation of this news is to be found in a late issue of the Fapan Herald which understands that Mr. Greathouse, the U. S. Consul-General, has telegraphed the resignation of his post to Washington, and has asked for its acceptance by telegram. He will probably leave in a few days to take up his appointment as Vice-Minister at the Korean Home Office. We believe that this is the highest office to which any foreigner has yet. beer appointed by the Korean Government-It is not "the highest office to which a foreigner has yet heen appointed by the Korean Government." Judge Denny held the same office and von Möllendorff, a German, capped it by two points at least; and there is no gainsaying that both Denny and Möllendorff were well worthy of the high honours conferred upon them by what is probably the most impotent, and corrupt Administration that exists.

THE following items are culled from the Lendon and China Express: ---

late Madras) Artillery, has retired upon pension and extra gratuity. He served in the China War of 1865—capture of the Peino Ferts (medalwith clasp),

A requisition signed by distinguished persons of all creeds and politics was presented to the Lord Mayor on the 12th inst., siking him to call and preside over a public meeting at the Gaildhall on the subject of the persection of the Jews in Russia. The Lord Mayor readily complied, and the meeting will take place at an early date. Acting Chief Rabbi has also sent out a form of prayer to the president of every Jewish congregation in the United Kingdom, requesting that if may be read in the synagogues on the next three

A horrible crime was discovered during the recent voyage of the Contonnais, with the Governor-General of Indo-China, up the Melkong. At Phnom-penh, the capital of Cambodia, three heads were exposed which had been struck off the day previous by order of the native judges The three men killed the wife of one of them who was exclente for the purpose of taking the fatus, which they cooked with certain herbs and ate so as to be lucky at gambling. The crime, says the correspondent of the Temps who reports it, gives an idea of the extent to which and Armaments Company, has returned from the passion for gambling prevalls. One of the

At Meppen, in East Friesland, there reside two young Chinamen, who are pursuing their studies, and it has been known some time that there existed between them a very bad feeling On Sunday last the quarrel culminated in shooting affair, the elder shooting twice at his companion, who ran into the street, where he was again fired at no less than three times Happily, only one of the bullets took effect, and the young Chinaman was slightly wounded on the car. The elder Chinaman was immediately taken into custody, and the whole affair was wired to the Chinese Legation at Berlin.

Germany is about to creet a new Consulatest Nagasaki (Japan), Nagasaki being one of the largest commercial towns of Japan, and is at present the only open port on the island of Klusiu. The German Government has resolved to create the Consulate because the number! German vessels trading to and from Nagasaki is yearly increasing.

It is reported from Berlin that during the sojourn of the King of the Belglans there, th question of the Congo duties was considered, and that the Imperial Government had resolved to consent to an enhancement of those duties. is added that Germany is resolved to have its subsidised mail steamers call at Autwerp Instead of Vliessingen, in event of the Netherlands continuing their opposition to the proposed increase. The death is reported of a gentleman, who,

no doubt, is well known in the Far East especially at Hongkong and Manija; Witte, owner of large plantations on the Fhilippine, Islands, who had returned to Germany lately, and lived at a beautiful residence on the banks of the lower river, has been suffocated in the cabin of his own yacht by coal-gas. The deceased used to sail out in his yacht, accompanied only by his dog, and used to sleep in the yacht cabin if he could not reach home at nights.

The command of the China station, to which Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Richards, K.C.B. has been apointed, dates back to the last China war, prior to which it was held as part of the East Indies station. The following fing officers have in succession-held the appointment—vs.; Admirals Sir William Parker, 1841 to 1846; Samuel Hood Inglefield, 1846 to 1848; Sir Francis Collier, 1848 to 1850; Charles J. Austen. C.B., 1850to 1852; the Hon. Sir Pleetwood Pellew. 1852 to 1854; Sir James Stirling, 1854 to 1856; York on the 12th ultimo in the Cooper Union, to | Sir Michael Seymonr, 1856 to 1859; and Sir " commemorate the deaths of the martyrs of the James Hope, 1859 to 1862. All these officer were working people who were murdered at Chicago | appointed commanders-in-chiclof the East Indies station, with their flags in the Agincourt, Hastings, Winchester, Calcutta, and imperiouse, names which will be readily recalled by many officers. away, Lingg's portrait occupied a "place The first flag efficer appointed to the independent of honour" below the speaker's table, command was Sir Augustus Kuper, with his fine Pictures of spies Fischer, Parsons, and Engel | in the Buryalus, and the present Sir William were upon the platform, which was draped Dowell as his flag captain. His successors with black and red with Anarchist legends. The were Sir George St. Vincent King, 1865 to 1867. cloth which hung frem Lingg's picture bore flagship Princess Royal, Captain, Gor Jones the following legend in white letters on a Sir Henry Keppel, 1867 to 1869 flagship Ocean, red ground :- "If you assault us with your | Captain Chandos Stanhope ! Sir Henry Kellett, Gatling guns we will use dynamite on you." 1869 to 1871, flagship Ocean Captain William When Captain M'Cullagh arrived with 100 Hewett, V.C.; Sir Charles Shadwell, 1871 to police, he ordered this motto to be removed. 1874, flagship Iron Duke, Captala, William In another column we publish the programme The chairman and others protested, but, Arthur; Sir Alfred Ryder, 1874 to 1877, flagof the next Hongkong Jockey Club meeting M'Cullagh insisting, the motto was finally ship Audacious, Capt. Philip Colomb; Charles F. which is to be held somewhat earlier than removed Lucy Parsons, the first speaker, said:- Hillyar, 1877 to 1878, flagship Audacious; Capcustomary. Mine events are billed for each of "Weep not for the dead, but for yourselves and tain F. Durrant 1, Robert Coote, 1878 to 1881; meeting to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on the first two days and ten for the third, making your children. Your liberty is gone; you are at flagship Iron Duke, Captain H. F. Cleveland; Saturday, 20th December, 1800, at 71 o'clock in all twenty-nine races. We are glad to the mercy and dictation of a policeman's club. Sir George Willes, 1881, to 1884, flagship tion foreneon; notice that the objectionable selling-races which | Capitalists may erect a scaffold at every mile- | Duke, Captain Tracey; Sir William Dowell appeared on last year's programme have been stone in America, but they cannot impede your January, 1884 to to October, 1885, flagship Hongkong, as is the case in any English | without reference to the wishes of the eliminated from the present one, for they can progress, Illinois has yet to reverse the sen- Audacious, Captain Pearson; Six R. Vesey, town of similar size, to form that important | community may or may not prove reliable | well be spared. Given ordinary luck in the tences done those men, as Virginia reversed the Hamilton, October, 1885, to December, 1887, form of fair weather and a good track, the sentence upon John Brown." Johann Most, the flagship Audacious, Captain Harris i Sir Nowell ferthcoming meeting will we imagine, be one anarchist leader, delivered a bloodthirsty screek | Salmon, December, 1887 to 1890, flagship | The total receipts for the twelve months

THE construction of the Siberian milway, which anniversary of the Tsar's silver wedding which was first suggested in 1887, has now been sanctioned. Owing to financial reasons a continuous line of rail is for the present abandoned, but uninterrupted communication with the Pacific is to be established by a combination of railway and waterway, in accordance with theplans preparedby the Russian Ministry of Communications. The route laid down states that he is "covered with spear-wounds will be formed by the Central Sherian Railway (1,567 veists, or 2,014 miles), from Tomsk over Mariinsk, Atchlesk, Konsk. Nishne-Udinsk to Irkutsk; the Trans-Baikal Railway (1,000 versts, or 660 miles) from the eastern shore of Lake Balkal, along the rivers Selenga, Uda, and Shilka, crossing the Jablonoi Mountains at Tchita, to the town of Stretrnak, on the Shilka; and the Ussuri Railway (383 versts, or 253 miles), from Viadivostock to the Ussari. Including 3t versts (30) miles) of branch railways, the total length of the Siberian Railway as now agreed upon will be 2,881 versts, or ap673 miles. The cost of the railway (including rolling-stock) is, estimated at 122,000,000 roubles (£18,300 doo) which is at the rate of about £9,000 per mile.—Times Cor.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

EMBFZZLEMENT BY A BAILIFF.

Josquim Kavier, late assistant balliff of the Supreme Court, was indicted with the em'ezziement of \$1,056.75 the monies of the said Court. Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Acting Attorney General, prosecuted. The prisoner was unrepresented by

The following Jury was sworn in :-- Messrs. R. Adams, P. J. Schwatzchoff, W. Rudorff, B. Medarl, J. O. Gomas, P. Brewatt, J. E. Barker and O. Wegener.

The Attorney-General in opening the case for the prosecution said that the bailiff of the Supreme Court, Mr. F. Howell, sent the prisoner in May last to cellect the sum of \$93.50 from.a. Mr. Wolff at Kowloon. He also sent the Major-General W. H. McCausland, Royal prisoner to collect the sum of \$963.25 from the late Mr. A. G. Apcar. Both sums were to be collected for the Court by vidue of write of execution. The said sums were never paid into the Court although the prisoner admitted to him (Howell) that he had collected them in due course. The prisoner absconded from the colony on or about Tuesday the 27th of May, last. After that day, the 27th May, the next time Howell saw the prisoner was on the 10th of last month, when he was brought back to Hongkong from Macao by Delective Inspector Quincey.

The Sproff of the Court, Mr. Hvil Ismail, Mr. Howell and an assistant bailiff corroborated.

The prisoner, when asked what defence he had to make, said, "I pray for the mercy of the Court, as I am undefended." The jury unanimously found the prisoner

When asked why sentence should not be passed the prisoner again said that he begged for the mercy of the Court as he was undefended

His lordship sentenced the prisoner to eighteen months' imprisonment with hard labour.

A PROMISING YOUTH.

Mek Acheung, a school-hoy, was indicted with cutting and wounding a Portuguese boy named Collaço, with intent to do him grieveus bodily harm,

The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and alleged that another boy committed the act and ran

A. P. College stated the prisoner to stabled him on the 5th ultimo because he did not pay .

him fifty cents as the cost of preket-knife. Several Portuguese school-boys were called in avid nce for the protecution and stated that the prisoner was the by who did the stabbing.

They were followed by D. Atkinson who explained the serious nature of the wound and the condition of the boy College when admitted to the Civil Hospital on the 10th instant. The prisoner, who showed remarkable ability

in the noble art of cross-examination, was found .Judgment was deferred.

THE "MMMOA" PIRACY

PROSECUTION OF THREE PIRATES.

Chan Choi Yin, 36, of Whampon, a smuggler; Chau Chol Leweg, 32, of no occupation; Leung So, 40, of Teang Shing, a boatman, and Li Alol, 41, of Kwai Sul, a tailor, made their salasm before Mr. Wodchouse at the Police Court this morning, and were there charged by Inspector Stanton, Chief of the detective department,"that they, with certain others not in custody, did piratically, foloniously, wilfully and mallclously kill and slay Captain Poceck and others, and did feleniously sterl money and jewellry and clothing, valued at \$55,000, the property of the passengers and crow of the British steamship Names on the 10th instant, on board the said steamer on the high seas." The prisoners were not asked any querious, and no eridence was taken in the case. Before being removed to the remand cells in Victoria Gaol the prisoners were

carefully searched by detectives. His Worship remanded the case until Thesday the 23rd instant,

- : CAPTURE OF ANOTHER PIRATES Another pirate was airested at II o'clock this morning near Hungham, and is now under lock and key at the Central Station.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRANWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders, at the sixth ordinary general

Shareholders the annexed Statement of Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th Novem.

The General Managers beg to lay before the

fees, the working expenses to \$24,170.21, the profit on the year's working to \$1,032.09

The General Managers wish however to state that next year the cost of one tope will have to, be provided for out of the Working Account as the cost of two ropes is already included in the Permanent Way Account and of one tope in the Suspense Account. It therefore will be seen that, unless the receipts increase largely, there is no prespect of the Company paying a dividend for sometime to come, especially as the Suspense Account will have to be gradually written off out of carnings.

The General Managers and the Committee have carefully considered" the question of the loss through the landslip in May 1889, and having regard to the position of the Company and to the uncertainty of law, they cannot recommend that a suit be proceeded with. although they are advised that they have a good

The General Managers carnestly hope, that as it is evident the running of the Tramway is only benefitting the Peak Residents and the Public, the Government will do its best to assist the Company.

net By remitting taxation which is extremely

high. and By making a new road from Plantation Road to Magazine Gap which would increase the traffic and benefit the residents there.

3rd By an alteration in the system of trials. We believe the Board of Trade in England does not require such tests for similar Tramways as the Government here insists upon, which tests cause interruption in the traffic and strains the permanent way.

It is obvious that the present fares are high, and although it is impossible to make an immediate reduction, it is hoped that new roads and the opening of the two hotels on the hill will enable the Company to make a reduction. .

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. On'the resignation of Mr. B. Layton, Mr. C.

Ewens was invited to join the Committee. In accordance with Rule 15 of the Company's Articles of Association, the present members, the Honoumble P. Ryrie, and Messrs. J. Anderson and G. Ewens, retire, but being eligible, offer

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. R. Lyall, who also offers himself for re-election. MAGEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

General Managers. Hongkong, 13th December, 1890.

themselves for re-election.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

Permanent Way. & Rolling Stock ... \$132,872.33 Concession and Deed of Grant 4.000.00 Stock in hand at date 4939 31 Cash,—In hand\$480.89 With Collectors..... 40 00 Mongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.... Furniture with the Superintendent ... Suspense-Cost of repairing dam-

ager canned by the lands in during the Storm in May, 1889 8,324.23 \$159672.57

Liabilliles. Capital,-In 1,250 shares of \$100 each\$125 000.00

Less is charge of \$50 p.ldup, forfeited..... 750.00

Loan from the Trust & Loan Compaperof China, Japan & Straits, Ld. 4 30,000,00 Accounts Payable 4.75.03 Profit and Loss ----- 1,247 54 \$159 672.57

WORKING ACCOUNT. To Salaries and Wages.....\$ 11,011,32 Police Rates Coals and Stores Maintenance and Repairs Interest General Manager's Commission . , on-ulting Committee's and Auditor's Fees Balance to Profit and Loss..... \$25 417.75

By Traffic Receipts for the year to date\$ 25,185 20 Transfer Fees Amount carried forward from last

\$ 25.417.75 E. & O. E.

MACFWEN. FRICKEL & Co., General Managera . I have compared the above Statement with

the Books and Vouchers of the Company, and found the same in accordance therewith R. LYALL, Auditor.

Hongkong, 13th December 1890.

PROGRAMME OF THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING 1891.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY. The Wong-NEI-CHONGSTAKES, for Chins Poples; weight for inches; entrance \$5; with \$100 added, Half-a-mile.

The ASHLEY CUP, presented by D. R. Sussoon. Esq., for China Ponics; entrance \$5; weight for inches. One mile.

The Hongkong Derby, Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries, with \$100 added for 1st pony, and \$10 for and; for all China Ponica bond fide Griffins at date of entry (Saturday. 17th January, 1891); first pony, 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10 per cent; weight rost. 10lb. One-mile-and-a-half. (Nominations close to the Clerk of the Course at the Club on Siturday, the 27th December, 1800.)

The FOOCHOW CUP, value \$200, presented by the Foochow community, for China ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$5. Two miles. The VALLEY STAKES, Sweepstakes of \$5 each,

with \$100 added, for subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91, only ; weight for inches. Three-quarters-of-a-mile,

The LUSITANO CUP; presented bethe Members of the Club Lusliano, for China Ponies; weight for inches | previous winners at this meeting, rolb. extra; subscription griffins of this season, 1790-91, allowed 51b.; entrance \$10 | second Pony to receive half the Entrance

money. One-mile-and-a-quarter. The CANTON CUP: for China Poules, tont fide Griffins at date of entry (17th January, 1891) ! weight for inches; winners at this meeting files, extra f entrante \$1. One mill

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP; presented, for China Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$15; second Pony to receive 50 per cent; third Pony, 25 per cent, of entrance money. One-mile-and-a-hall.

The COMPRADORS' CUP, for all subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91, only; weight for inches; winner of Valley Stakes, 51b. extra; entrance \$5; Second Pony to receive hall the entrance money. One mile,

SECOND DAY, -FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

The SCURRY STAKES, Sweepstakes of \$5 ench, with \$100 added, second Pony to receive \$50, -for all bond fide Griffins at the date of entry; subscription guffins of this season, 1890-91, non-winners allowed 51b.; weight for inches. One mile.

The EXCHANGE PLATE, presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong, for China Ponies; weight for inches; winners of Foochow or Hongkorg Club Cup, 51b. extra; entrance \$10; second Pany to receive half of the entrance money. One-mile-andthree-quarters.

The GERMAN CUP, presented by Members of the German Club, for subscription griffins of this Sesson, 1890-91, only; weight for inches; entrance \$10; second Pony to receive 75 per cent.; third Pony 25 per cent. of entrance money. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

The PROFESSIONAL CUP, presented, for all China Ponies; weight for inches; winners of one race at this meeting, 7lb extra; of two races, tolb. extra; and of three races, 15lb. extra Previous non-starters to carry I ast; entrance \$10: second Pony to receive 50 per cent, of entrance money; third Pony 25 per cent One-mile-and-a-quarter.

The PARSEE CUP, presented by the Parsec Community, for China Ponics, being bend fide Griffins at date of entry; weight for inches; winners of one race at this meeting, 7lb. extra of two races, 12ib. extra ; subscription griffins of this season, non-winners, allowed 51b.

entrance \$5. Seven furlongs. The JOCKEY CUP; for subscription ponies of this and last season, winners excluded; to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches; entrance \$5. One mile.

The FLYAWAY-STAKES; for all China ponies weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 71b. extra; subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91, allowed 51b.; entrance \$5, with \$100 added; second pony to receive \$50. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

The Brokers' Cup; presented; for all China ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 71b. extra; subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91, allowed 5lb. entrance \$5; second pony to receive hal entrance money. One-mile-and-a-half.

The Welter Plate; for all ponies; weight 12st, previous winners at this meeting, 71b. extra; entrance [\$5, with \$100 added. One

THIRD DAY, -- SATURDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY. The Civil. SERVICE Cup, presented, for subscription griffins of this senson, 1890-91; weight for inches; previous winners, 71b. extra penalties accumulative; entrance \$5; second pony to receive half the entrance money. One

The CHALLENGE CUP, value 100 guineas, for China ponies; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona fide property of the same owner; weight for inches; entrance (forced) \$5, but optional to Subscription Griffins of this season, 1890-91; first pony to receive 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent; and third, to per cent of entrance money. Onemile-and-three-quarters.

The NAVY CUP; presented by officers; of H.M. Fleet, for all China ponies; weight for inches previous winners at this meeting of one race. tlb. extra ; of two races, 7lb. extra ; and of three or more races, tolb extra; non-starters at this meeting excluded. Entrance Sto; second pony to receive half of the entrance money.

The Ladies' Purse; for all China ponles; weight for inches; all ponies not subscription griffing that have been placed 3lb extra winners not subscription griffins 7lb. extra entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

HONGKONG STAKES; a forced entry of \$5 forall subscription griffing of this senson, 1800-91: first Pony to receive 70 per cent of the entrance money and \$200 added; second Pony 20 per cent; and third to per cent; weigh for inches; winner of German Cup rolb extra; winners of any other races 51b. extra One-mile-and-a-half.

The KERCHONG CUP, presented; for China Ponies; second Pony to receive \$50; weight for inches; entrance \$10. From the Black

Rock twice round and in. The GARRISON CUP, presented by the officers of the Garrison; for China Ponies, bond fid Griffins at date of entry; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 71b, extra penalties accumulative; entrance \$10; sub scription griffins of this season, 1892-91 allowed 5lb. From two-mile post once round

The CONSOLATION STAKES, for all beaten China Poples at this meeting; weight for inches; entrance \$5, with \$100 added; Second Pony to receive \$50. Once round.

The CHAMPION STAKES, a forced entry for all China Ponies, winners at this meeting only; weight for inches; entrance \$20; winners of two races, \$30; of three or more races, \$50, with \$100 added. One-mile-and-a-half.

The NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES, for all beaten subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91 entrance \$5, with \$100, added for the first Pony, and \$50 for the second Pony; weight for inches, Hall-a-mile.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

We are indebted to our Australian exchanges for the following items :--LONDON, December 1st.

In order to counteract the McKinlay tariff in the United States, Canada proposes to allow the issue of manufacturing bonds for goods expected,

A French syndicate has purchased mines on the Bright goldfield in Victoria. Professor Huxley has strongly attacked General Booth's scheme for ameliorating the lot

of the indigent classes. The Dockers' Union in England unanimously passed a resolution favoring Imperial Federation. A rich belt of gold-bearing country has been

discovered in Mashonaland, South Africa: ... Amanifesto issued by Parnell is exciting a great deal of comment in the Press and elsewhere ; but the general opinion is against Parnell A continuous as leader of the Trish party.

Untimations.

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THE Gem Safely Shaver, an excellent razor that renders it impossible to cut the face. A fine assortment of Photograph Albums of every size and description. Photograph Books for unmounted views.

Scrap Books. New stock of fine Russia Leather Goods consisting of Note Cases, Card Cases, Pocket Books, Purses, &c.

A qua tity of New Pocket-knives of best quality, Razers and tracing Knives.

New Chit Cases, Chit Broks. New Card Games for long evenings in great variety.

Games of Reversi, Spool, Bezique and all ordinary Games. All the Children's Annual Volumes. Great Novelties in Bon Bons. New stock of Tennis Racquets,

New French Ladies' Dancing and Indoor. Men's Dress and patent Leather Shoes.

W. BREWER. UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1890 Gladstone has published a manifesto in reply, and John Morley also denies certain statements made in Parnell's manifesto.

Archbishops Croke and Walsh have pronounced against Parnell, and they are generally supported by the Irish Catholic clergy.

December 3rd. The Parnell controversy is still being carried on with unabated vigor, but Parnell's influence dominates the meetings which are being held. His hold and brilliant tactics extort admiration

from his opponents. Excited meetings have

been held in Cork, and strong feeling was manifested against Gladstone. SYDNEY, December 3rd. A fire occurred at Gibbs, Bright and Co.'s wharf in Sydney harbour on Tuesday night. About 40,000 cases of kerosene were stored in the building, which the firm managed to get out.

It is estimated the loss will amount to £600,000. LONDON, December 3rd. It is proposed to hold a mining exhibition on a grand scale, in which only the British Empire

will be represented, in connection with the opening of the Imperial Institute. Several Australian land companies have offered land to General Booth on which to carry out his

A general increase of pay is to be granted the Metropolitan (London) police. The competition in London for wool has im

colonization scheme.

proved and there have been slight increases in the prices. Dr. Kock refuses to accept the State donation granted him for his discovery of a cure for

consumption. December 2th.

Earl Stanhope, Minister for War and late Secretary of State for the Colonies, warmly favors Queensland separation, and thinks the movement will succeed.

A deputation of 60 persons will wait on Lord Knutsford on the 10th inst., and will include the Earl of Winchelsea, Harold Stormont, Finch-Hatten, R. J. Jeffray, John McDonald, Sir G. R. | first rate tobacco for the season of 1890 and the Baden-Powell, Sheriff Farmer, Sir Charles | ground for the operations of 1891 is cleared, Crawford and General Fielding.

BORNEO NOTES.

On November 7th last, an interesting ceremon took place at the residence of Mr. W. R. Fint, Adjutant of Constabulary and in temporary command at Head-Quarters. It will be remembered that in January last Mr. Hewett had to proceed with some police to Segannan and Tabanac Tiver which runs by his plantation when a huge and procured a splendid cavalry sword in buff leather scabbard mounted with silver fixings and and belt to match. This was presented to the Sergeant-Major on November 7th last, Captain Beeston addressing him in Mindustani in the presence of the non-Commissioned officers of the Force at Head-Quarters, Sergeant-Major Juar Singh made'a suitable response and buckled returned to barracks."

I holiday was held on Friday, October 2114. The

Flag Staff at Government House, and the one in front of the Government Offices, were paily dressed with bunting, the flags of all nations waving to the cool breeze from the Bay. Picnics and shooting excursions seemed to be the order of the day, a few going in for the doles fa niente in their shady bungalows. In the evening there was a ball at Government House which was largely attended, all Sandakan being there to indulge in the worship of Terpsichere. The dancing was kept up with great spirit, some eighteen ladies being present, while the nondancers of the male sex beguiled the passing hour with whist, and cut-throat euchre. At 11.30 an adjournment was made for supper to which ample justice was done, the company breaking up about 2 a.m., after spending a most enjoyable

Mr C. M. D. Stewart, Acting Resident at Darvel Bay, is certain y not only the most enthusiastic sportsman but the most successful of all our North Borneo shikaris. It is but a short time ago that the Herald had thepleasure of recording the death of a bull elephant with tusks four feet ten inches long, the victim of Mr. Stewart's fata 8-hore. I have now the greatest pleasure in being able to chronicle the fall of yet another pachyderm with tusks measuring one foot more than the last. Mr. Stewart dropped him with a shot at the root of the ear, and followed him up to the spot where he fell when the brute got up and charged. Stewar thereupon gave him a bullet in the breast which turned him, following this up with two more shots behind the shoulder, which settled the matter. The tusks, on measurement, proved to be, the right one 5 feet 10 inches, the left 5 feet-7 inches, measured outside the curve, The lvery is of first class quality, yellow with a pinkish tinge, and the weight 64 pounds. The, natives say that with one solitary exception, when Hadie Tahun found a pair of old tusks in the jungle, they have never seen such a pair. We heartily congratulate Mr. Stewart, on his great and deserved success.

The Lamag estate, under the management of Mr. James Fockins, has a crop of 240 piculs of drained and the jungl is being burn off. Mr. Van Rinsum the Manager of the Songel

Koyah estate has 600 piculs of first rate tobacco as the crop of 1890. As in some of the other estates, the drought that prevailed during the end of Seplember, somewhat reduced the estimate which was 700 piculs. The death of Mr. James, assistant on the B. T.M. Co.'s estate at Sugut, is announced. On

the 1st inst. Mr. James was swimming across the crocodite seized him by the leg and dragged him

Charter-Day 1890, falling on a Saturday, the A.S. Watson & Co. (Led.), agents in Hongkong and China-[Advi.

Co-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHI COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT). THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE," Captain G. Tayler, will be despatched for the above l'bit, TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 18th December, 1890.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. TN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the rat January, 1891, issue Interest Warrants of \$5 per Share, payable at the Horgkorg and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the same being at the rate of 10 per cent, per annum on the paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1800, and Notice is hereby given that is order that the

the 18th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1800. CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION, No. 35. 🕡

N THURSDAY next, the 25th inst., being CHRISTMAS DAY, and on THURS-DAY, the 1st January, 1891, being NEW YEAR'S DAY, this Office and the Opium Examination Hulk will be CLOSED to the transaction of all business; but work at the Customs' Stations will proceed as usual.

> J. McLEAVY BROWN, Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon & District,

Custom House. Kowloon, 18th December, 1890.

Intimations.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at NOON TO-MORROW the 10th

India, London, and China, E. L. HUNTER. pro Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA. T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong. For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking CORPORATION, T. IACKSON.

Chief Manager. For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION E. W. RUTTER,

Manager, Hongkong For the Comptoir National D'ESCOMPTE

L. GLENAT, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 15th December, 1890.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1890. THE Committee having procured the Hongkong Marina Company's Floating Hotel as Flagship request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong on board on the 19th inst., the occasion of the Annual Regatta. Through the courtesy of Mr. GILLIES the Pilot Fish will leave Pedder's Wharf on each day for the Flagship at 12, noon, and 12.45 p.m. Subscribers wishing to obtain Tickets for the Flagship should apply to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. T. WRIGHT, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Members can obtain Tickets admitting to the Flagship from the Steward at Victoria

Recreation Club, or the Hon Treasurer, upon application. GODFREY C. C MASTER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1800.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1890. T Y arrangement with the Victoria Recreation D Club, the Floating Hotel belonging to the HONGKONG MARINA HOTEL, LIMITED:

will be used as Flagship at the Regatta. Admittance, One Dollar each per day, Children hes Lprice, Ladies free. Gentlemen holding rickets from the V. R. Club free. Refreshments, including meals provided at the

usuol charges. Tickets, may be obtained on board the launches, which will run at frequent intervals from Pedder's Wharf-Return fare, Twenty-five

No chits taken, By order of the Board of Directors, I. A. BARRETTO. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1800.

NOTICE

HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITEDA

Justices of the Peace will be held in the Justices' Room, at the Magistracy, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon of MONDAY, the 22nd day of December A.D. 1890, for the purpose of considering an application from ISRAEL WEINBERG, for permission to temporarily transfer the business as a licensed publican, now carried on by him in house No. 200, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of The Rose, Shamrock and Thistle Hotel, to his son MAYER WEINBERG.

H. E. WODEHOUSE, Police Magistrate. Magistracy,

WEEPSTAKES of \$20 each, half forfeit i declared on or before day of closing Entries FOOD for Consumptives,-Scott's Emulsion of with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for and. Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of For all China Ponies bona fide Griffins at date

> E. H. GORE-BOOTH Clerkof the Course. Hongang, 31st November, 1890.

Intimations.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

"PICK UP" will be commenced at II A.M., A on SATURDAY, the 20th inst. Members willing to play will please sign their names, either on the List lying on the table in the club ante-room or on the one in the Cricket Pavilion, on or before 6 p.m., on FRIDAY, the 10th inst.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, · Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 16th December, 1800.

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

TT is Bereby notified that the FIRST CALL I of Five Dollars (5) per Share on Shares in the above Company is payable to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or before MONDAY, the 19th January, 1891. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, 16th December, 1800. NOTICE OF 5TH AND FINAL CALL.

will be charged on all calls overdue.

LABUK PLANTING Co., LIMITED. NTOTICE is hereby given that the 5th and FINAL CALL of \$15 per Share, on the 4,000 Shares, numbered 1001/5000 is pavable to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora-

Calls not paid on said date are liable to pay The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th January, 1891, both

> TURNER & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1800. THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE undersigned is prepared to purchase I FRACTIONAL CERTIFICATES at

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1890.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Directors?

ended October avst. 1802. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

W. H. WALKER,

Hongkong, 14th December, 1900 1 1711

NOTICE TO SHARFHOLDERS. THE Sixth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on

the General Managers and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th November, 180 a. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 8th to 20th instant. both days inclusive. MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

Hongkong 6th December 1800 HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. N account of a Match between the 1st A. & S. HIGHLANDERS and the RIFLE

match will commence at z p.m. C. VIVIAN LADDS,

Hongkong, 15th December, 1800. J. & R. HARVEY & Co.,

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Hongkong, 28th August, 1800.

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Messrs, Hedge & Co., Foochow. Messrs, Kelly & Walsh, Limited, Shanghal. Messrs, Kelly & Walsh, Limited, Yokoharas, Rev. S. J. Smith, Bangkok. Mesers. Sayle & Co., Ld., Singapore.

Messrs, Amédée Prince & Co., Paris & London. HONGKONG TELEGRAPH " OFFICE. Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1890.

in Darvel Bay to quell a riot that was and to admit raw material free. inpending owing to the hostile attitude of under the water. He has not since been seen. 70.fishing smacks have been wrecked off the Mr. J. S. Kennedy, late manager of the Songel the Ehrans and others in the district; cossi of Norway and 100 persons were drowned. skirmish took place in which Sergeant-Major Koyah Co.'s estate on the Kinabatangan river, Hongkong, 15th December, 1890. Numbers of those who succeeded in reaching Juar Singh saved Mr. Hewett's life by has been appointed manager of the Darvel Bay HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. the coust are starving. Co.'s tobacco plantations. parrying a blow aimed at him -getting a nasty O'Donovan Rossa, the noted Irish sgitator, The latest official reports of the health of RACE MEETING, 1891, wound on the fingers of the right hand in so who for years past has been living in New York, plantation coolies is of a most satisfactory doing. As a mark of appreciation of the Sergeant HONGKONG DERBY. has been declared bankrupt. Major's conduct, Mr. Hewett sent to England Dature. Herald.

> Lime and Soda is a most wonderful food for the of Entry (SATURDAY, 17th January, 1891) Consumptive. It not only gives strength and | First Pony, 70 per cent; Second, 20 per cent increases the flesh, but heals the irritation of the Third, to per cent. Weight tost. tolbe. One throat and lungs, . It is very palatable; children mile-and-a-half. (Nominations close to the on his new acquisition. The Sergeant Major's lake it like milk, and in all wasting diseases Clerk of the Course at the Club on Saturday, the health was drunk by his comrades, and the men both for adults and children it is a marvellous 27th December, 1890. food and medicine. Any Chemist can supply it-

ame may be adjusted, the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Office will be CLOSED from

> tion on or before the 15th January, 1891, and Interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum. days inclusive.

current market rates. Persons holding same are requested to apply at the Company's Office No. 4, Praya Central. EDWARD OSBORNE,

Reports and Statement of Accounts for the year

will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th inst. both days inclusive.

Bank Buildings Queen's Road, THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-

WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED. SATURDAY, the 20th December, at 11 O'CLOCK

A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of

General Managers.

ASSOCIATION, there will be no Cup Competition on SATURDAY next, the 20th inst. The

Hon. Secretary.

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Mr. N. Moalle, Amoy.

Insurances.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30 NEXT BIRTHDAY.

STG. payable at death, would cost per quarter at the rate £ 6 18 0 (a) If premiums, are payable for whole of life: or £ 9 xx 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20 or £11 46 (c) If premiums are limited to 15

or £13 00(a) If the Sum Assured is made payable at age 50, or at death if previous.*

* 'Secured payments. THE same provisons if commenced at age 40 n. b. would cost respectively (a) £8.15.0, (b)£11.5.0, (c) £13.2.4, (d) £27.0.8 per quarter.
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE OCIETY OF THE

UNITED STATES. RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG:

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN

- LONDON. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and

LIFE at Current Rates. REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Hongkong, rst July, 1889.

NOTICE. THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISES at CURRENT RATES on GOODS. etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies. WOO LIN YUEN,

Secretary. HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 1st February, 1882.

GENERAL NOTICE. THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

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MANAGER.-HO AMEL MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATTE to all

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & o. PRAYA WEST. Hongkong, 17th December, 1886.

Potels.

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Manager. Hongkong, 4th November, 1800,

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Proprietress.

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